SHAAAA

SHAA
No.1 Steak
ME PLACE
dessert cafe 앤섬플레이스

SLURP

SLURRRRP

SLURP
SLURP
SLURP

AHH!

THAT'S THE STUFF!

YOU GOTTA DRINK IT ALL UP IN ONE GO TO GET THAT SUGAR RUSH GOING!

...YOU'RE GONNA END UP SICK IF YOU KEEP THAT UP.

ANYWAY, WHO EVEN ARE YOU?
WHAT'S YOUR ROLE IN ANOTHER WORLD?

NOW THAT
I THINK ABOUT IT,
I'VE NEVER FORMALLY
INTRODUCED
MYSELF.

ALRIGHT,
THEN.

I'M IN CHARGE
OF EVERYTHING
IN ANOTHER WORLD,
FROM DEVELOPMENT
TO MANAGEMENT.

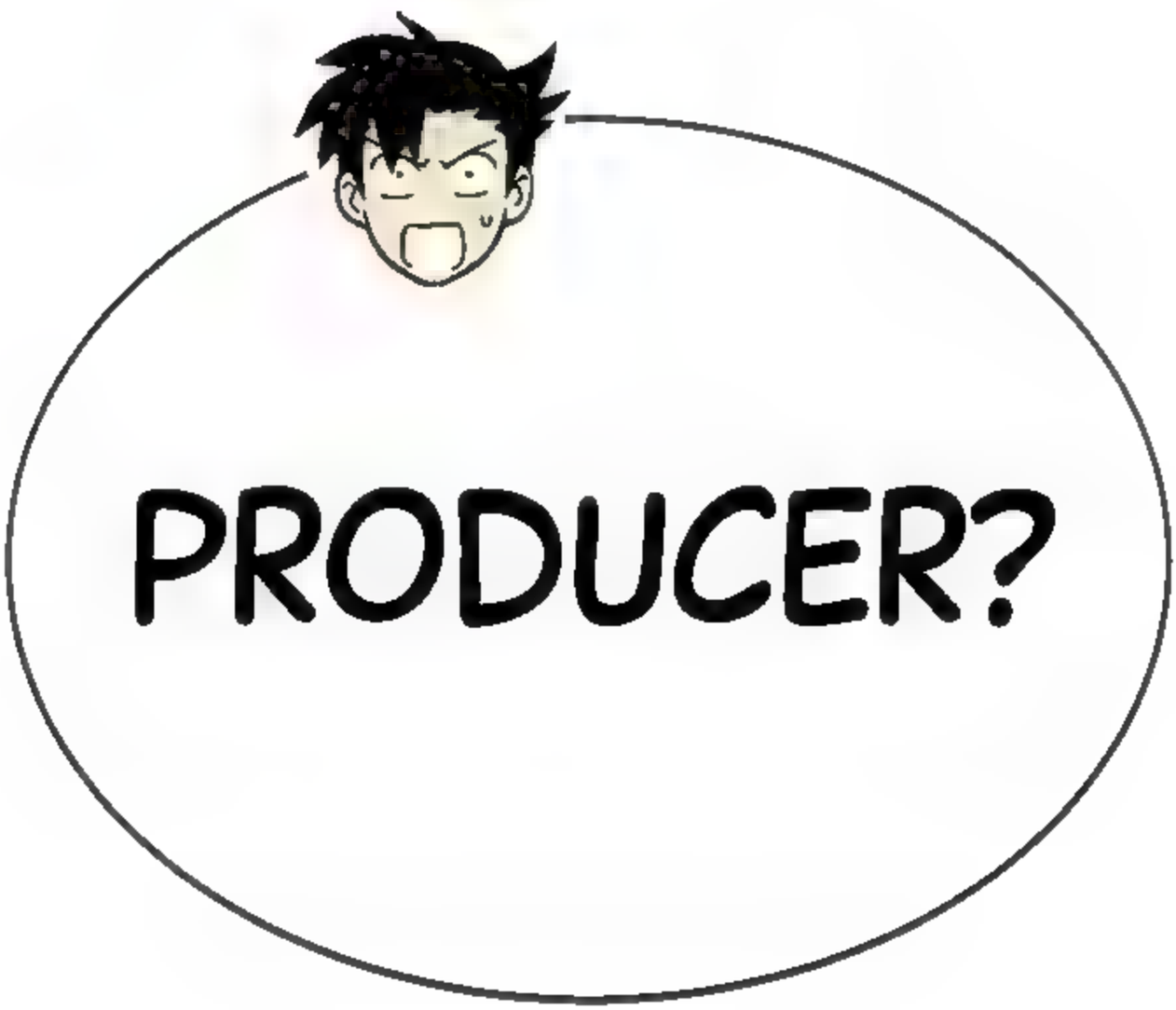
I WAS THE ONE WHO STARTED THIS PROJECT FROM THE BOTTOM-UP.

I'M THE PRODUCER OF THE ANOTHER WORLD PROJECT...

DA DUN

YURIAL

...YURIA!


PRODUCER?

WHAT WOULD YOU, THE PRODUCER OF ANOTHER WORLD, WANT WITH ME?
AND HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS HERE TO BEGIN WITH?

OOH! DIDN'T EXPECT THAT RESPONSE!

OUR COMPANY IS ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT OUR BELOVED USERS.
WE MAKE IT A POINT TO AT LEAST BE AWARE OF OUR USERS' WHEREABOUTS.

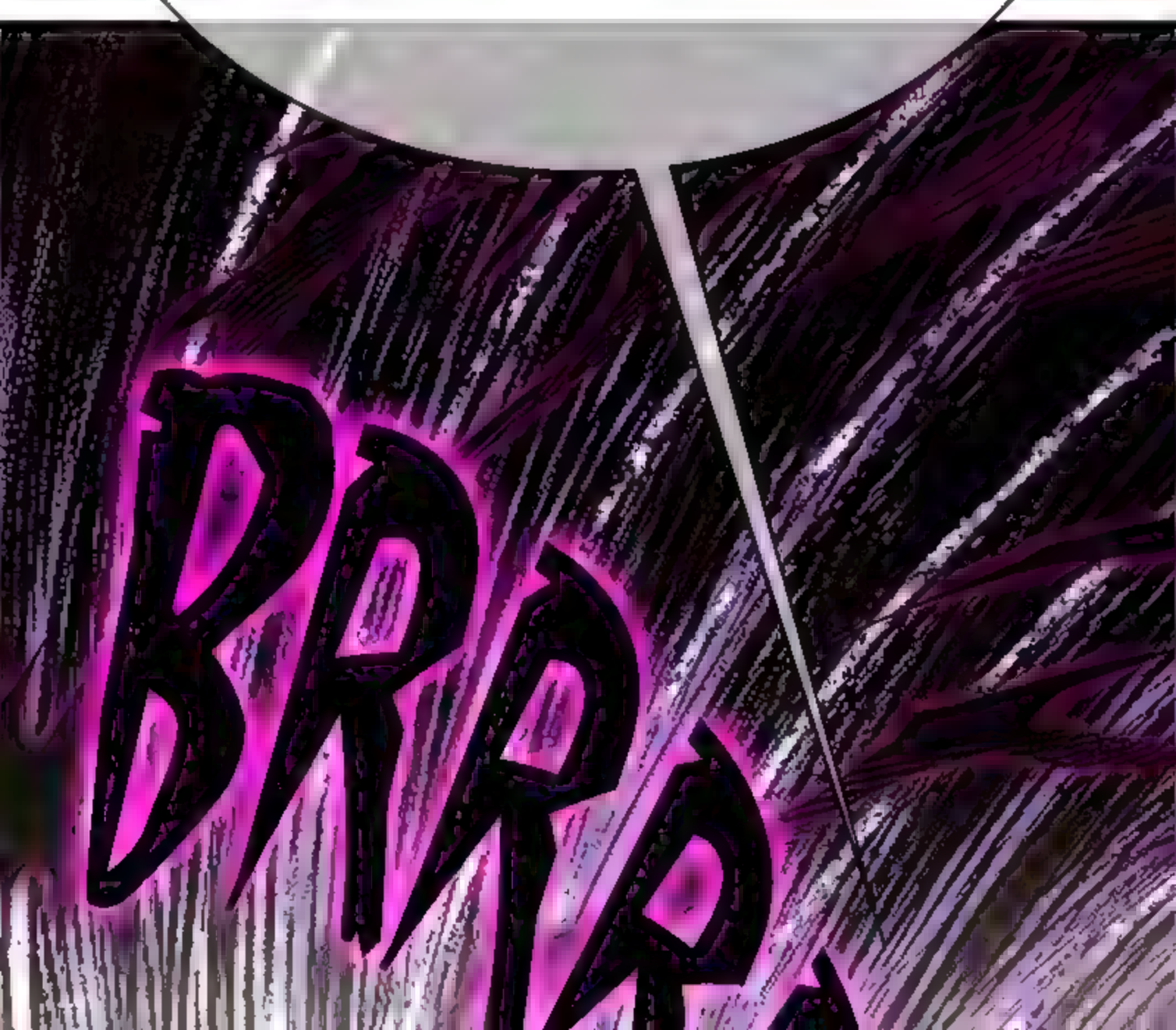
I DON'T

EXACTLY FEEL SAFE AFTER HEARING THAT...

GLANCE

BY THE WAY...

...IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR REASON YOU'VE BEEN GLARING AT ME THIS WHOLE TIME?



AND YOU'VE BEEN SILENT THIS ENTIRE TIME...

EUNHA DOESN'T REALLY LIKE TALKING TO STRANGERS.

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU WERE ACTING LIKE I WAS THE ONLY HIGH-RANKED USER WHEN SHE'S ONE HERSELF.

I DON'T BLAME HER FOR BEING ANNOYED AT YOU.

BRRRP

HMM... IS THAT REALLY WHY YOU'RE UPSET WITH ME?

AND THAT WAS ABSOLUTELY NOT MY INTENTION.

OF COURSE I KNOW ALL ABOUT MISS EUNHA AS WELL.

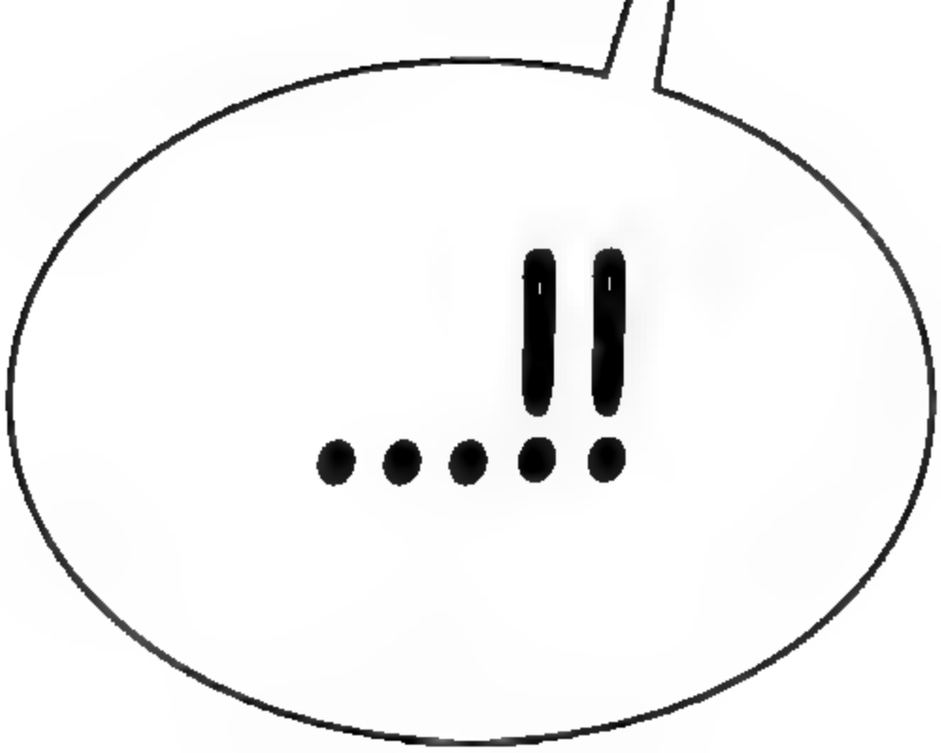
SHE WAS A VITAL PART OF LUSSO THE BLOODSIPHON KING'S ARMY OF DARKNESS MONSTERS.

AND NOW, SHE'S JOINED

YOUR TEAM,
JISEOK.

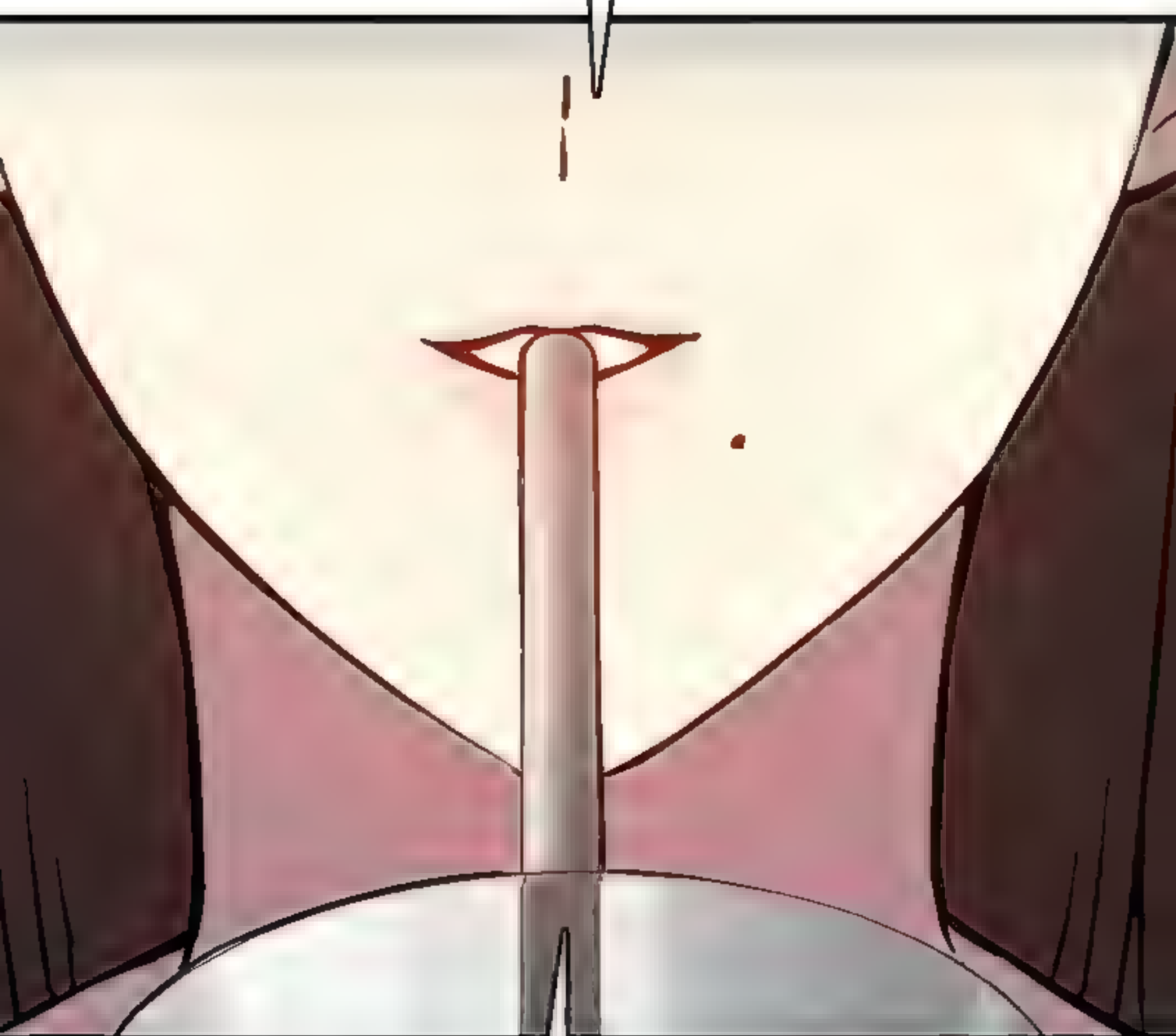
SHE'S S2EUNHAS2, THE LEVEL 909 SUCCUBUS.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT?



ANOTHER WORLD
IS ALSO VERY PROUD

OF MISS EUNHA AND HER HIGH RANK.



BUT WHAT I WANTED TO DISCUSS...
ONLY APPLIES TO SOMEONE ON YOUR LEVEL, JISEOK.

GRANTURIS, XIAOLONG OF VIOLENCE, LUSSO...

YOU TOOK
DOWN A SLEW OF
ANOTHER WORLD'S MOST
DIFFICULT BOSSES IN
SUCCESSION.

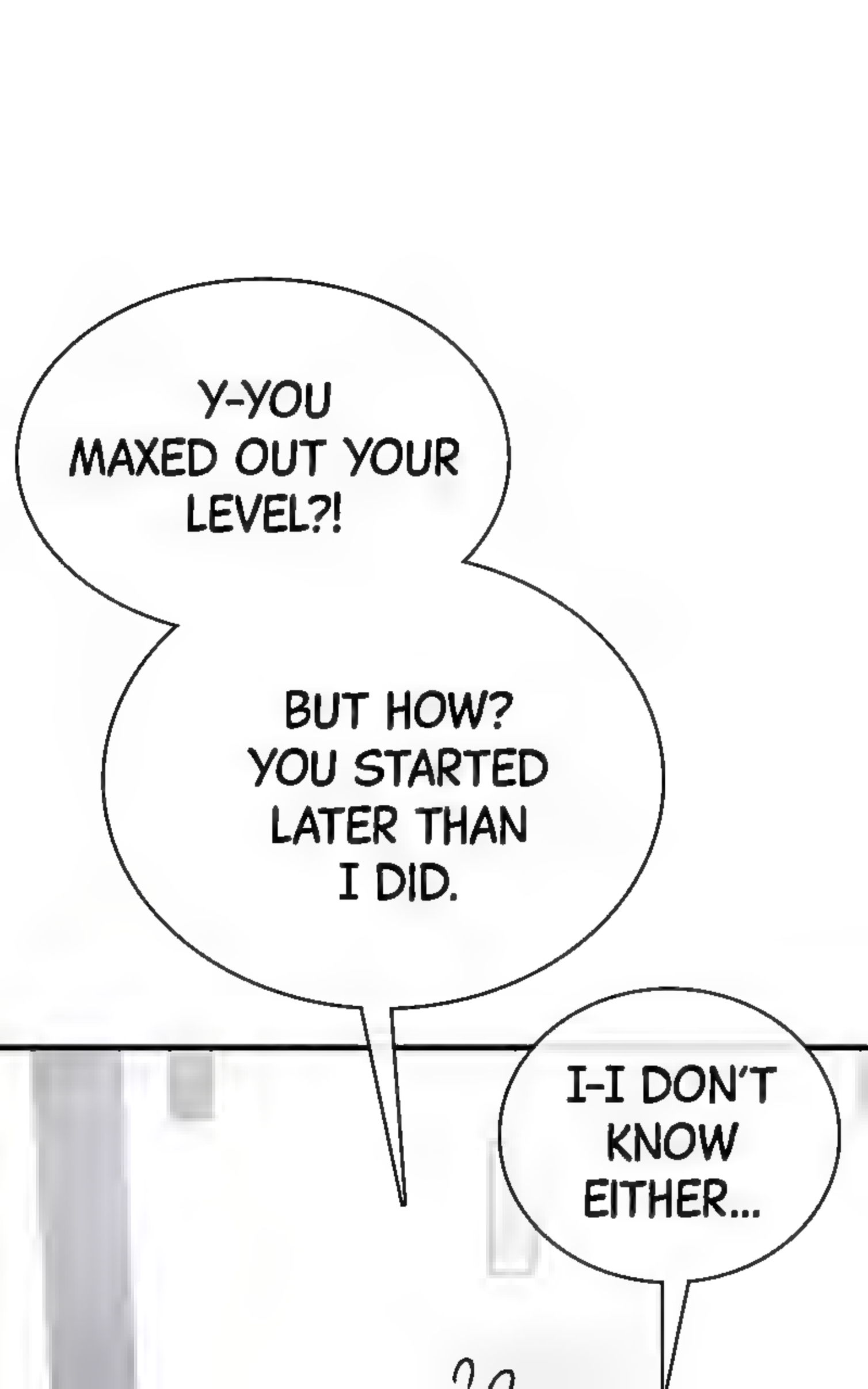
AND
NOW YOUR
LEVEL IS...

DA DUN!
KING
JISEOK
LV. 999+
HP

MP

...THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE ONE IN ANOTHER WORLD.

LEVEL 999+!
THE MAX LEVEL!


Y-YOU MAXED OUT YOUR LEVEL?!
BUT HOW? YOU STARTED LATER THAN I DID.
I-I DON'T KNOW EITHER...

IT'S SIMPLE.
JISEOK OVER HERE
MERELY PLAYED IN A
WAY THAT GAINED
HIM MORE EXP.

THAT'S AMAZING, JISEOK! SO YOU'VE JUST BEEN GAMING EVERY DAY?!
YOU ALREADY DON'T HAVE

MUCH TIME AS IT IS BECAUSE OF YOUR STUDYING!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD TO RAISE YOUR LEVEL!

GUILTY...

NOW, I'D
LIKE FOR YOU
TO TAKE A LOOK
AT THIS.

IT'S A TIER
LIST FOR THE USERS
AND NPCS OF ANOTHER
WORLD.

WHOA.

NPC/ MONSTER		USER	
SSS+		999+	
SSS		900 ~999	
SS		800 ~899	

		~899
S		700 ~799
AAA		600 ~699
AA		500 ~599
A		100 ~499
B		40 ~99
C		20 ~39

D

6
~19

E

1~5

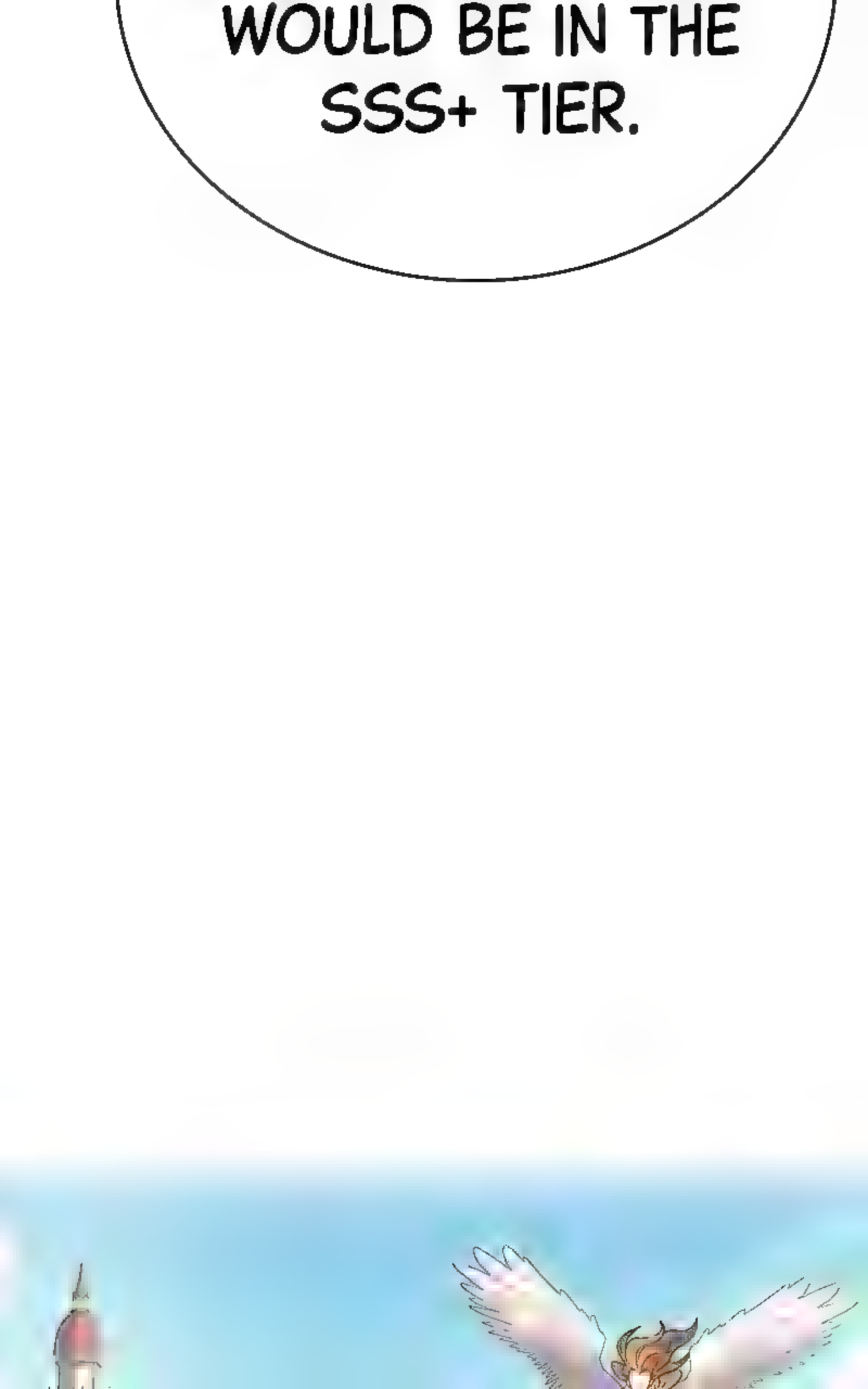
IT'LL BE EASIER TO UNDERSTAND THIS TIER LIST...

ONCE YOU COMPARE THE OPPONENTS YOU'VE FACED.

99+
00
-999
00
-899
00
-799
00
-699
00
-599
100
-499
40

YOUR TITLE
IS DETERMINED BY
THE MONSTER THAT
YOU HAVE EQUAL
POWER TO.
FOR EXAMPLE,
YOU, KING JISEOK,

WOULD BE IN THE SSS+ TIER.



JUST FOR REFERENCE, THE AVERAGE TIER OF THE ANOTHER WORLD USER IS C TIER.

ON THE FLIP SIDE, THE MOST POWERFUL MONSTERS, THE SIX SUPREMES, ARE ALL SSS+ TIER!

NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND JUST HOW POWERFUL YOU TWO ARE?

WOW!

HMM...

THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE WHO WERE A BIT CONFUSED WITH THE TIER LIST, SO WE'LL BE ADJUSTIN--

IT'S NOT CONFUSING. IT'S JUST LAZY.

ALL THIS STUFF ABOUT LEVEL 999+, SSS+ TIER, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH...

SO WHAT?
THAT MAKES ME THE
STRONGEST USER IN

ALL OF ANOTHER WORLD?

I MADE THE MISTAKE

OF BELIEVING THAT.

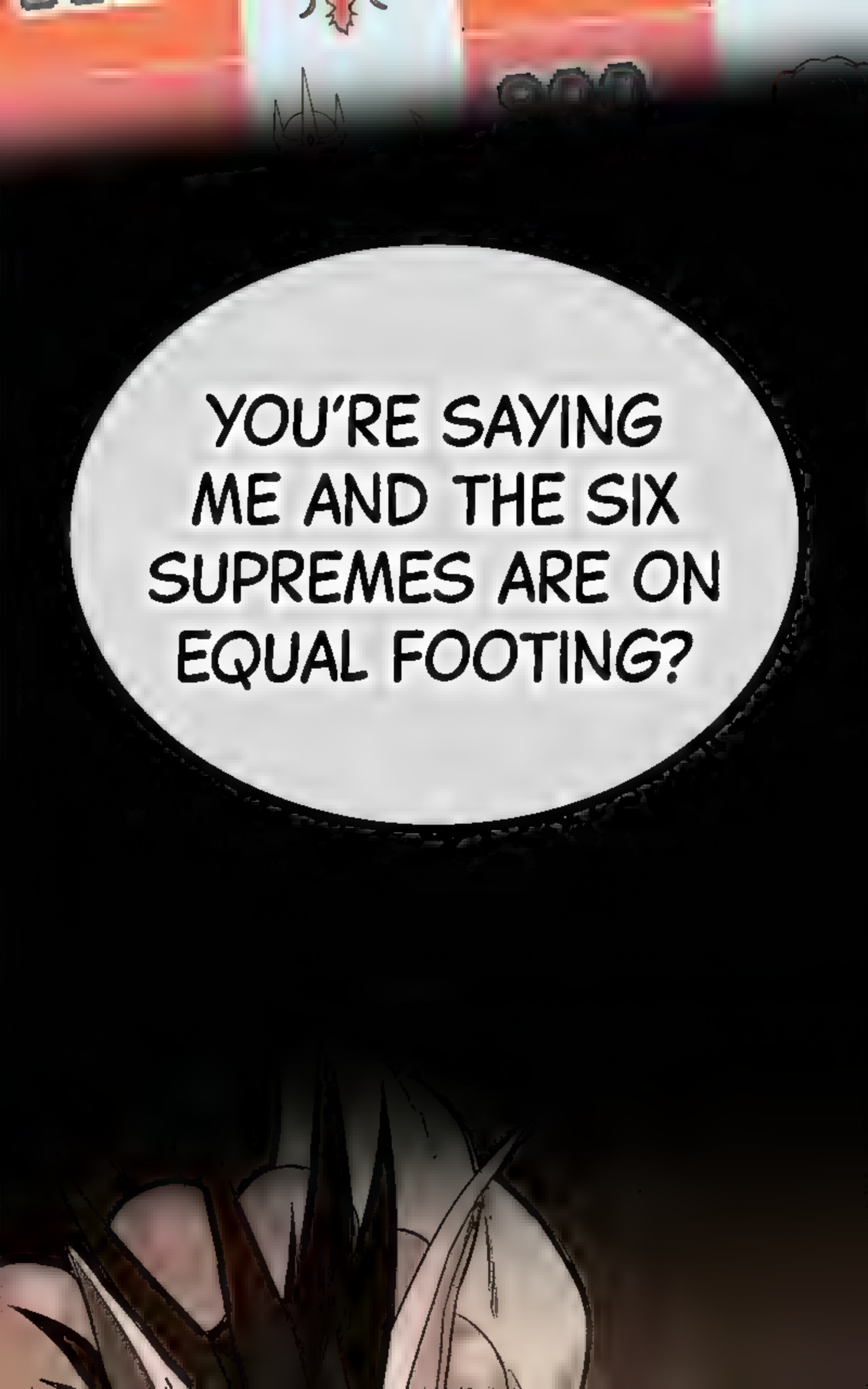
I REALLY THOUGHT I WAS THE STRONGEST...
AFTER TAKING DOWN GRANTURIS AND BECOMING THE MASTER OF ANOTHER WORLD.

BUT I
REALIZED I WAS
WRONG...

...AFTER MEETING THOSE OTHER TWO POWERHOUSES.

I MIGHT STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THAT JERK WITH THE WOODEN STICK FROM THE MAIN SERVER.

BUT THERE'S NO WAY I'M ON THE SAME LEVEL AS HARDCORE LEVELING WARRIOR.


YOU'RE SAYING ME AND THE SIX SUPREMES ARE ON EQUAL FOOTING?

I TOOK DOWN TWO OF THEM ALREADY!

AND WHERE

DOES GRANTURIS SUPPOSED TO FALL IN ALL OF THIS?

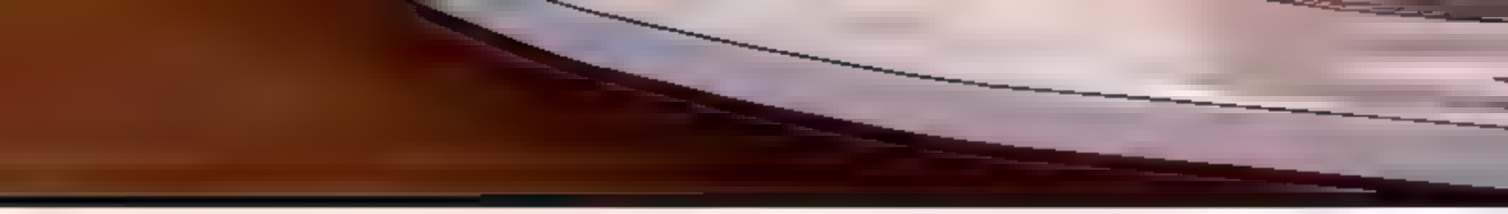
THIS
TIER LIST IS
A MESS!

YOU'RE RIGHT... AND I'M EMBARRASSED AT MYSELF FOR THIS.

THERE ARE MANY ISSUES WITH THIS TIER LIST.

THE MOST PROBLEMATIC TIER IS THE ONE YOU'RE IN, JISEOK.

THE SSS+ TIER WHERE YOUR LEVEL IS MAXED OUT.
GULP

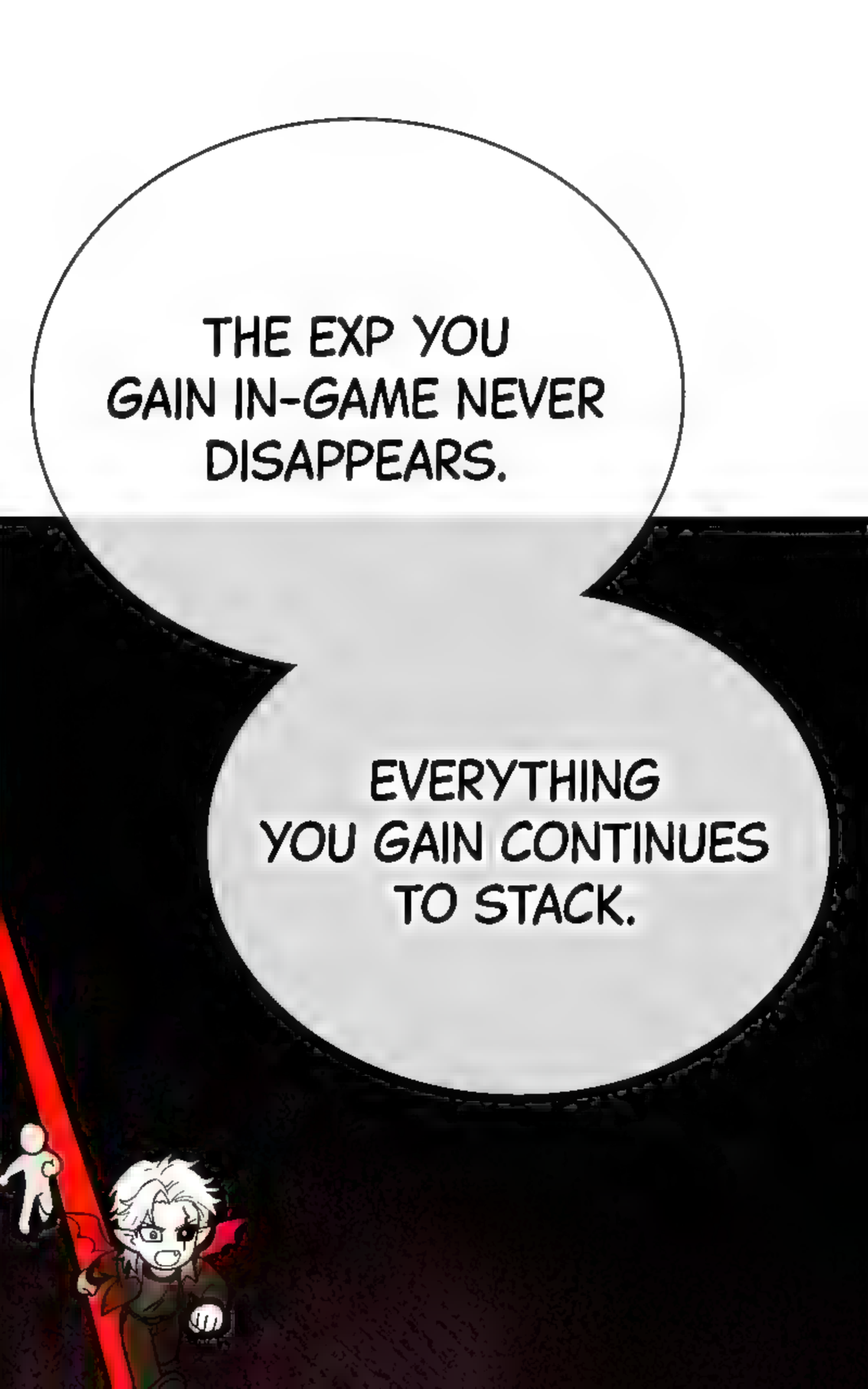


AS YOU CAN TELL, NOT EVERYONE HAS EQUAL AMOUNTS OF POWER IN THE SSS+ TIER.

AND THAT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVE DIFFERING AMOUNTS OF EXP!

THE EXP YOU GAIN IN-GAME NEVER DISAPPEARS.

EVERYTHING YOU GAIN CONTINUES TO STACK.



IN OTHER WORDS, ANY EXTRA GAINED EXP MERELY ISN'T DISPLAYED IN THE GAME

IN THE GAME.

WHICH MEANS
THERE'S A WHOLE HIGHER
PLAYING FIELD ABOVE
THE HIGHEST TIER!

SO WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT YOU FAILED TO ACCURATELY PREDICT HOW QUICKLY YOUR USERS WOULD GROW.

THAT'S RIGHT. THIS WAS A MISCALCULATION ON OUR PART.

I HATE
TO SAY THIS,
BUT ON ONE HAND,
I'M QUITE HAPPY
ABOUT THIS.

SLICE
BECAUSE
THE FACT THAT
WE HAVE MORE MAX
LEVEL USERS THAN

EXPECTED...

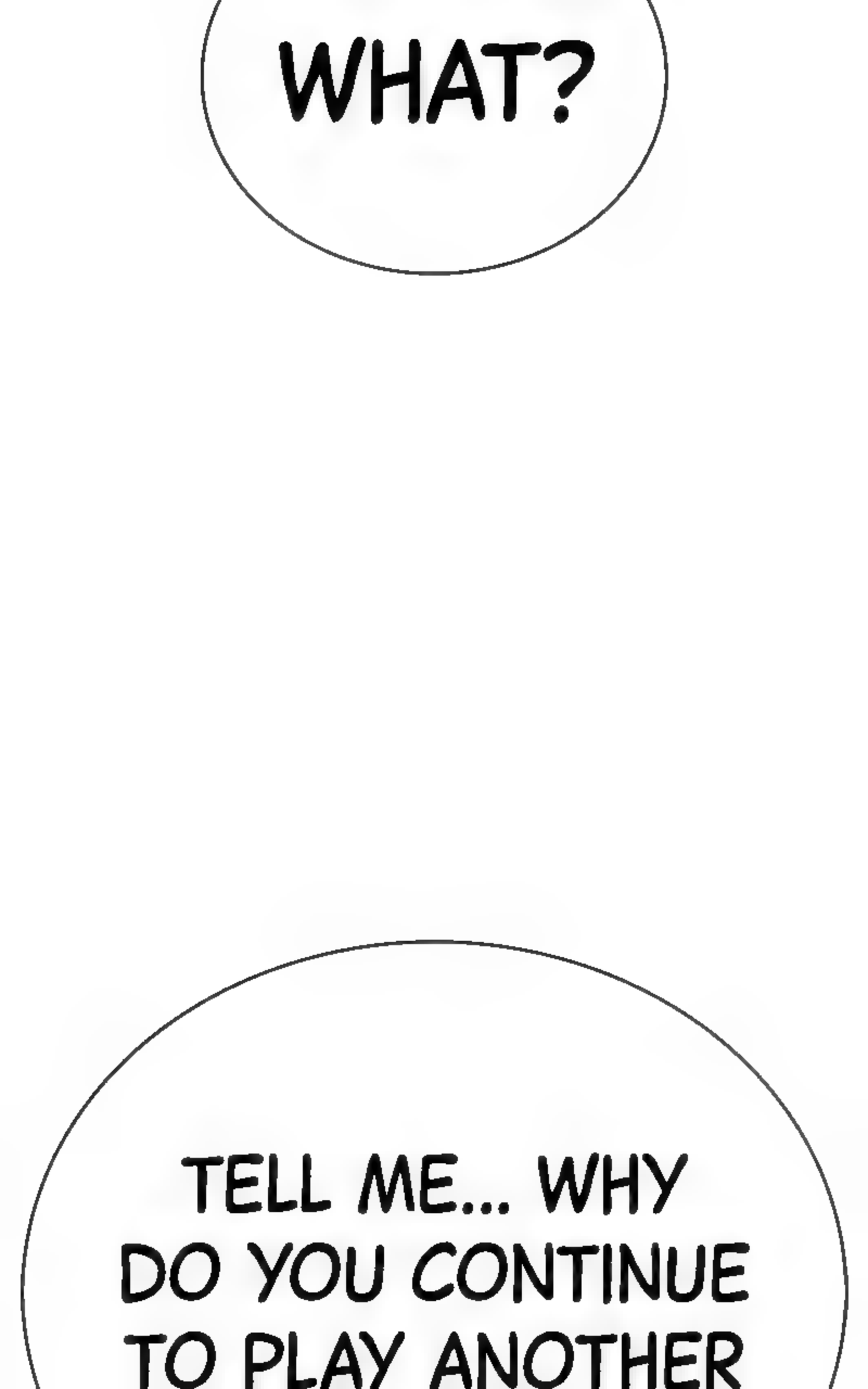
ONLY MEANS
THAT ANOTHER WORLD
IS GETTING THAT MUCH
LOVE FROM THE
USERBASE.

NOW
YOU JUST SOUND
IRRESPONSIBLE.

CHUCKLE

WELL,
IT'S BECAUSE
OF THIS VERY
ISSUE...

...THAT I CAME TO YOU, JISEOK.


WHAT?
TELL ME... WHY DO YOU CONTINUE TO PLAY ANOTHER

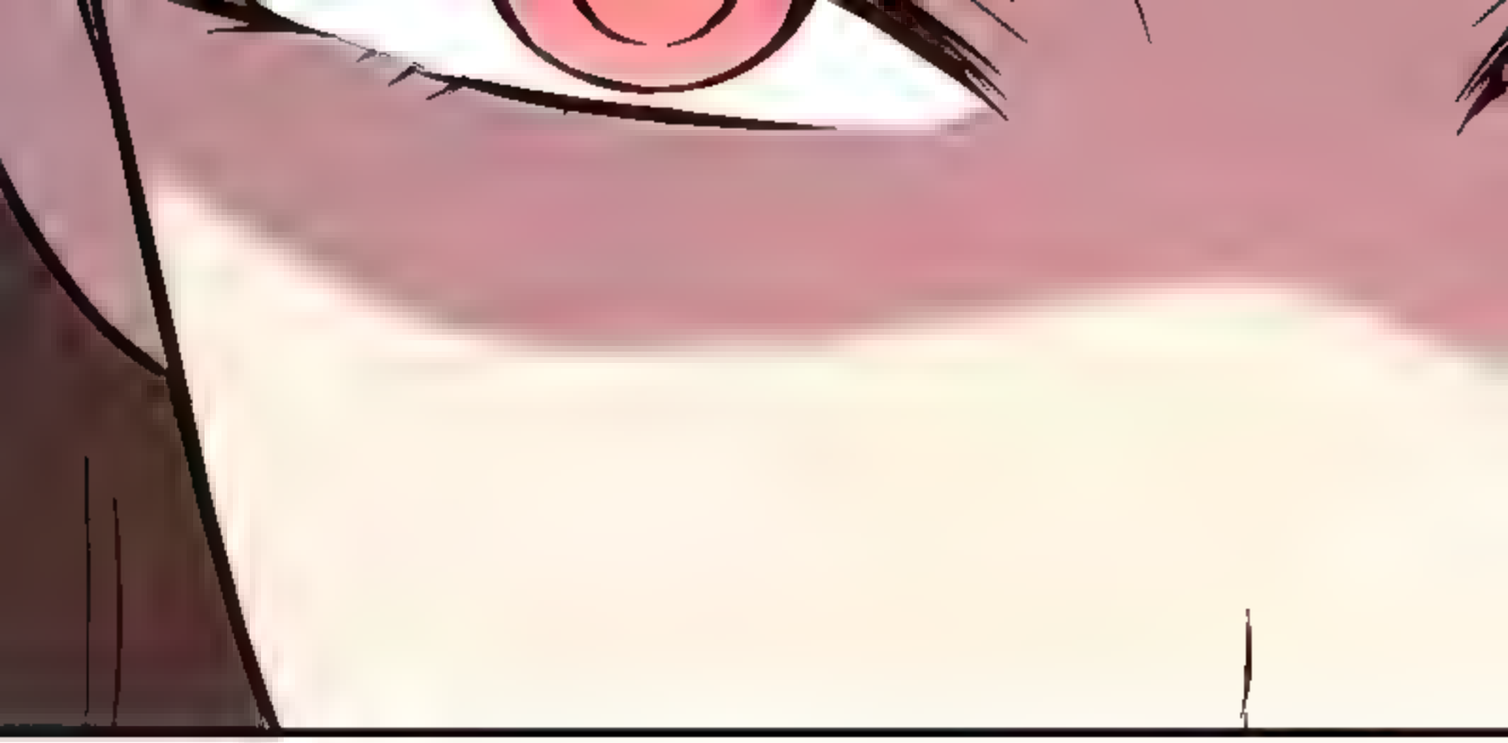
WORLD?

OF COURSE,
I UNDERSTAND
YOU'RE HAVING LOTS
OF FUN.

YOUR LEVEL
IS MAXED OUT, YOU
HAVE TONS OF POWERFUL
ALLIES... EVERYTHING'S
GOING SMOOTHLY.

AND YOU'VE EVEN
MADE SOME CASH.

BUT IT'S NOT
LIKE IT WAS ALWAYS
THIS WAY, RIGHT?

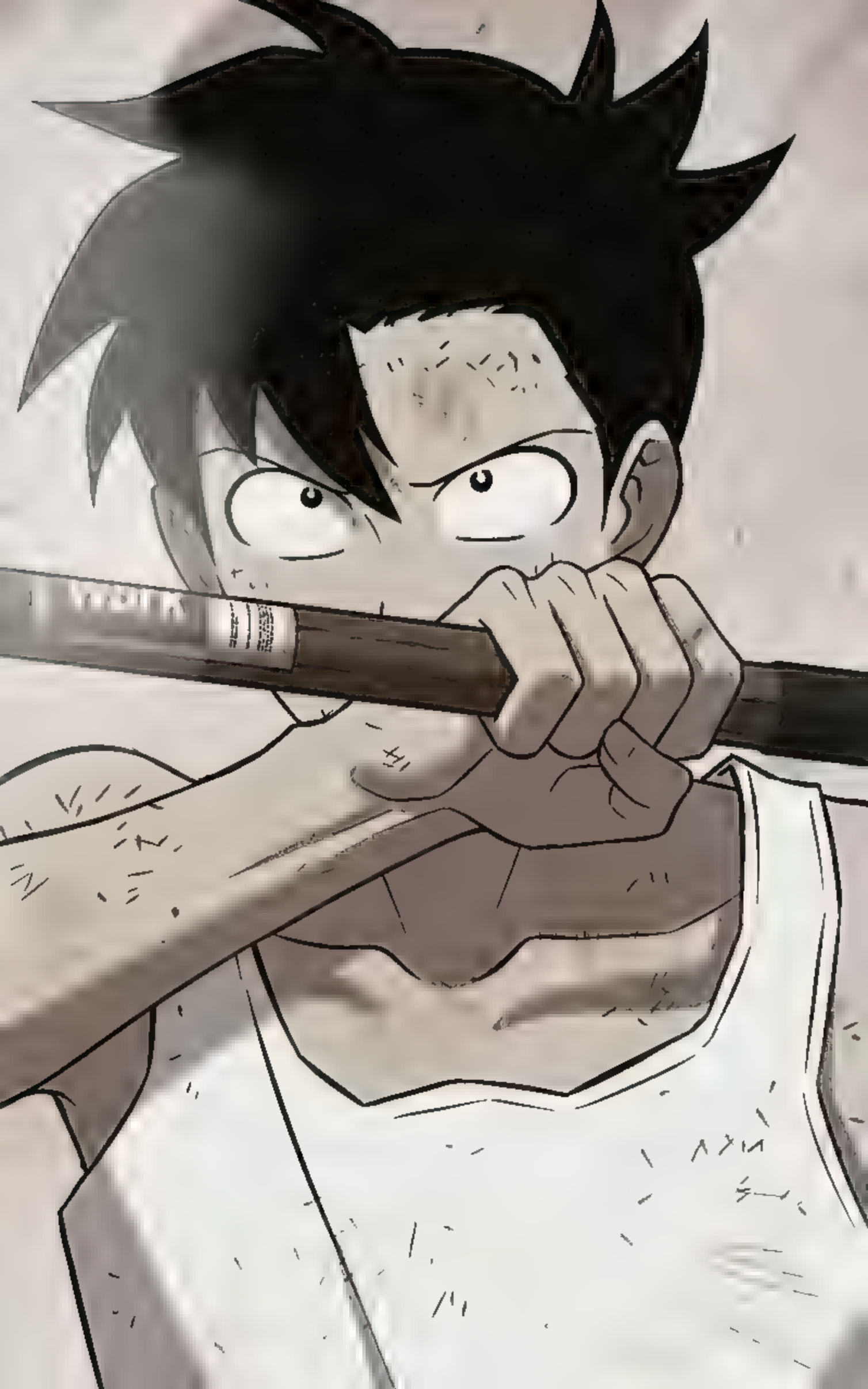


EVERY TIME THINGS STARTED GOING YOUR WAY, MONSTERS WOULD SHOW UP TO KILL YOU.

THEN THEY'D DESTROY EVERYTHING YOU CREATED.

DIDN'T YOU EVER FEEL FRUSTRATED ENOUGH TO JUST QUIT THE GAME ALTOGETHER?

YOU COULD HAVE EASILY JUST MOVED TO THE MAIN SERVER OF CHRONO LIFE FOR A NEW START.



WHY DID YOU
INSIST ON STAYING
IN ANOTHER
WORLD?

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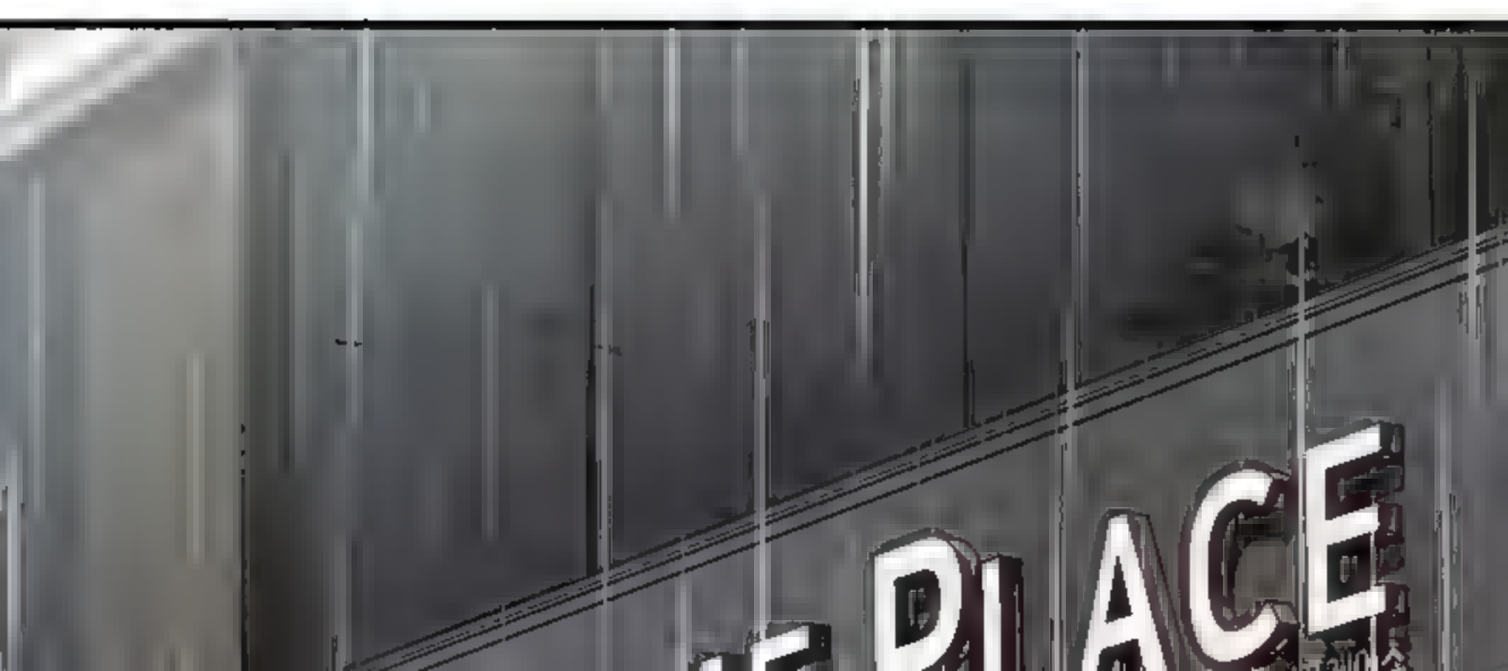

PLACE

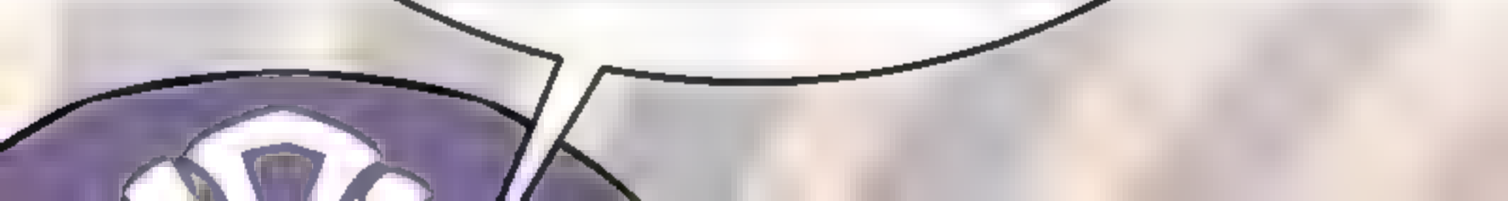
WELL...

...YOU WORK IN THE GAME INDUSTRY, DON'T YOU? SO I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE PAIN OF FAILURE.

OH?

OH.

I HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT I'VE NEVER FAILED AT ANYTHING.



!
NOT SURE WHAT
THAT FEELS LIKE...

JEEZ!

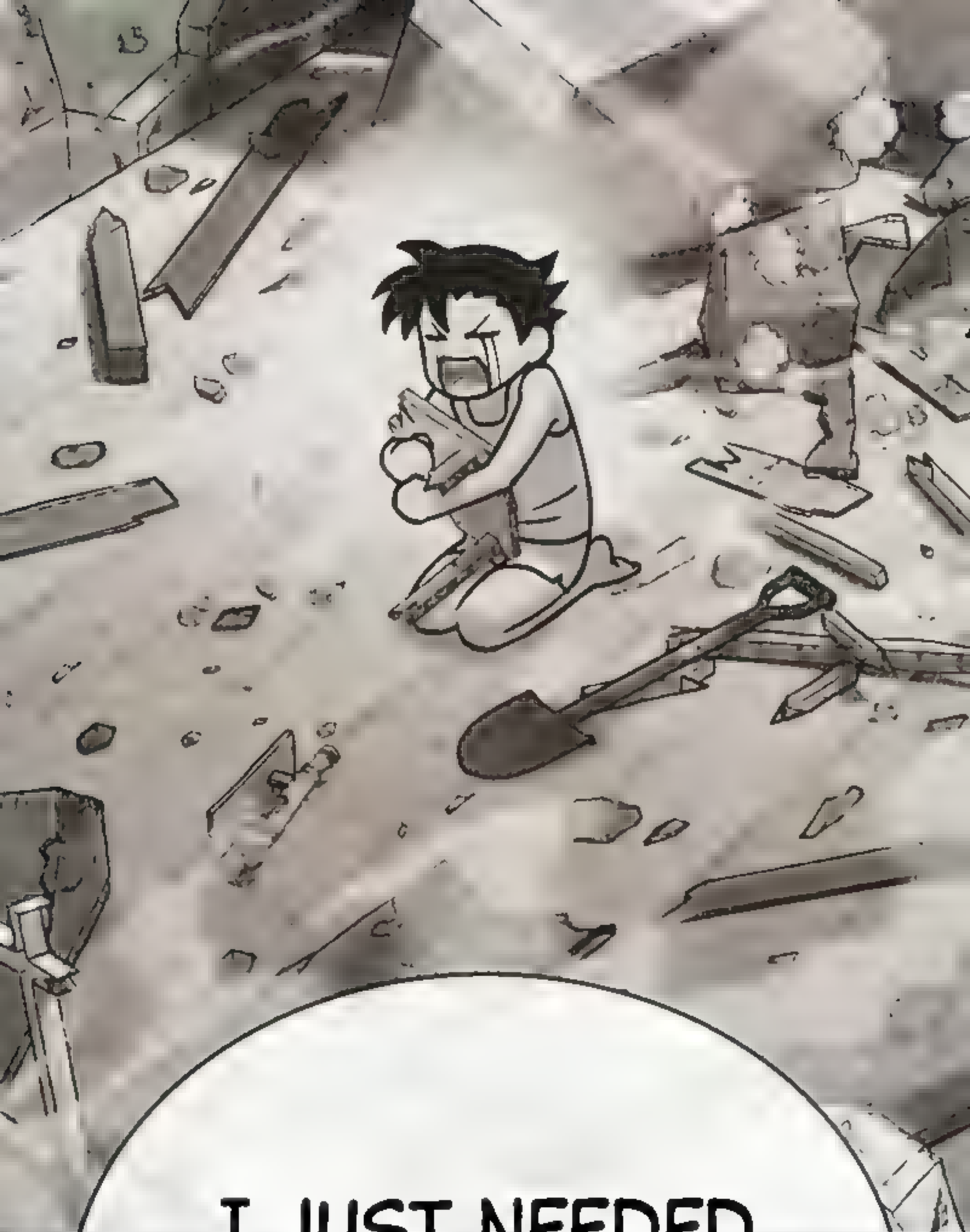
OKAY, MISS PERFECT!

WELL, I DO KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE.
MY LIFE IS NOTHING BUT A SERIES OF FAILURES.

I ALWAYS FELT LIKE IF I JUST TRIED A LITTLE HARDER, THINGS WOULD WORK OUT.
I TOLD MYSELF TO KEEP

GOING...
BUT NOTHING EVER CAME FROM IT.

SO I STARTED GAMING TO EASE MY STRESS FROM THE REAL WORLD.
TURNS OUT IT WASN'T MUCH DIFFERENT FROM REALITY.


I JUST NEEDED
TO TRY HARDER...
TO KEEP GOING...

BUT UNLIKE
REALITY,

I WAS REWARDED FOR MY EFFORTS IN ANOTHER WORLD.

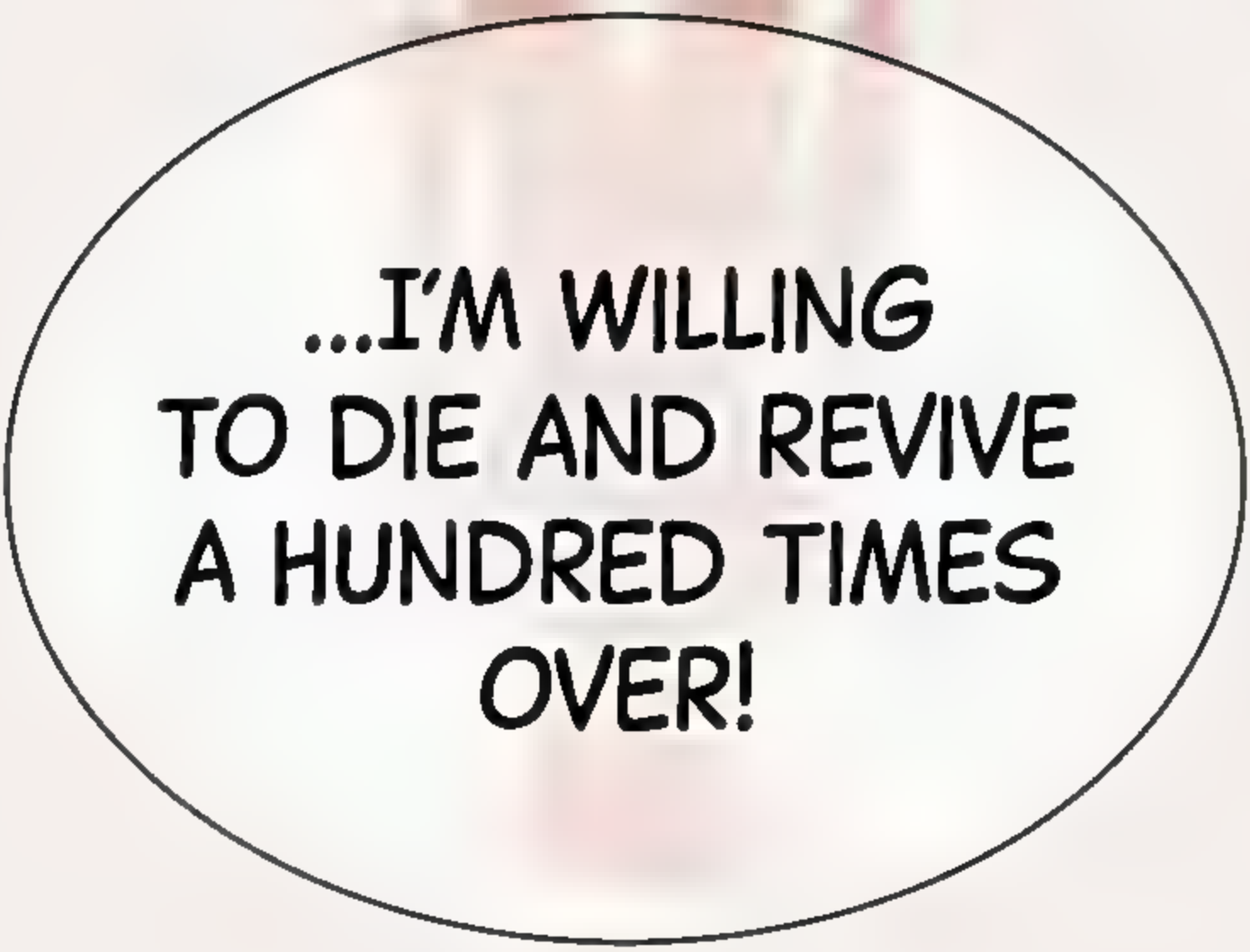
HOW COULD
I GIVE UP AFTER
SEEING THAT?

WORKING HARDER COULD CHANGE THE OUTCOME OF ANYTHING!

YOU SAID THAT OUR ACCUMULATED EXP NEVER DISAPPEARS, RIGHT?
I LIKE THAT!

GRIN

IF THIS VIRTUAL WORLD REWARDS ME FOR MY PAINSTAKING EFFORTS...


...I'M WILLING
TO DIE AND REVIVE
A HUNDRED TIMES
OVER!

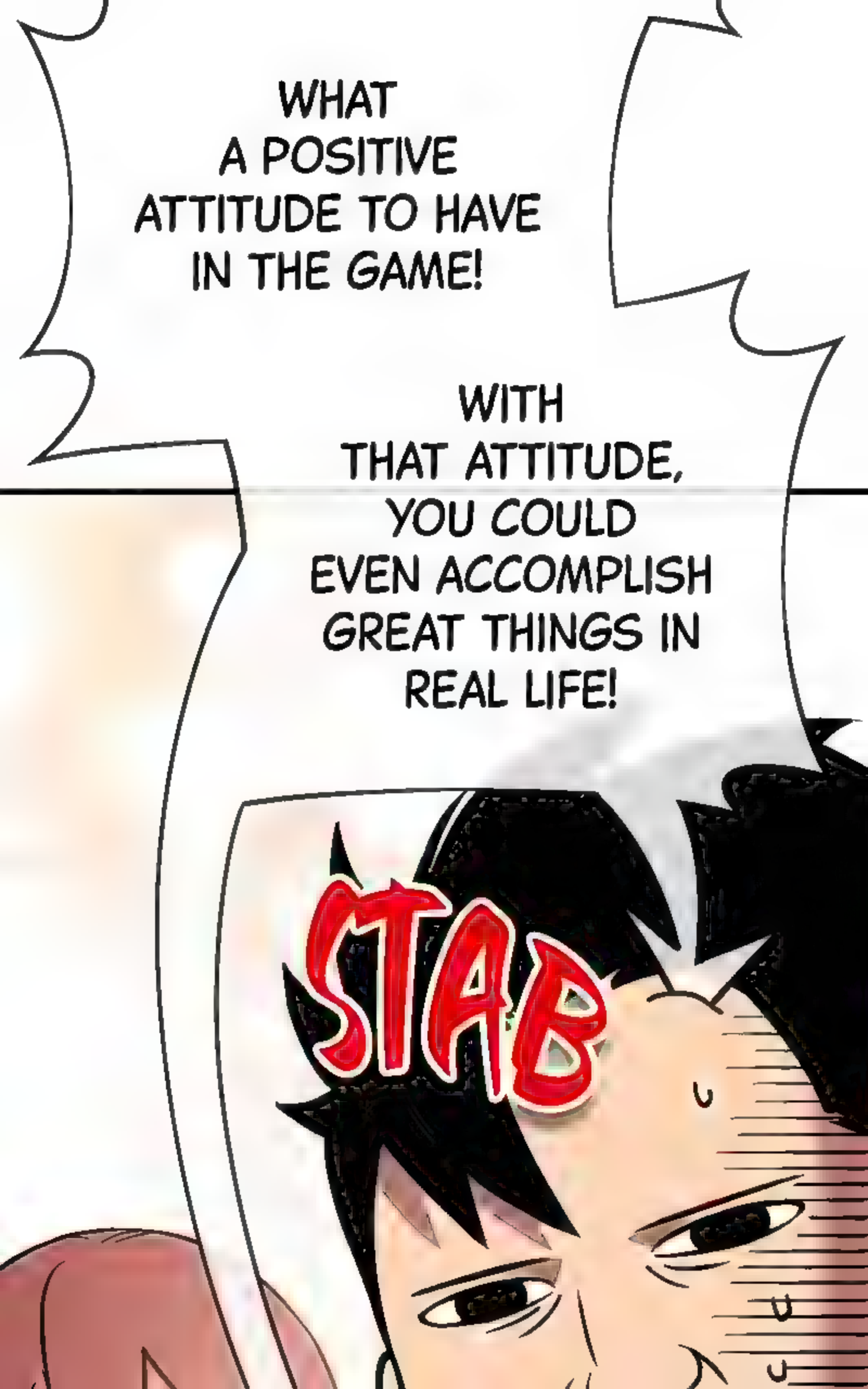
I DECIDED HOW THINGS WOULD TURN OUT FOR ME!

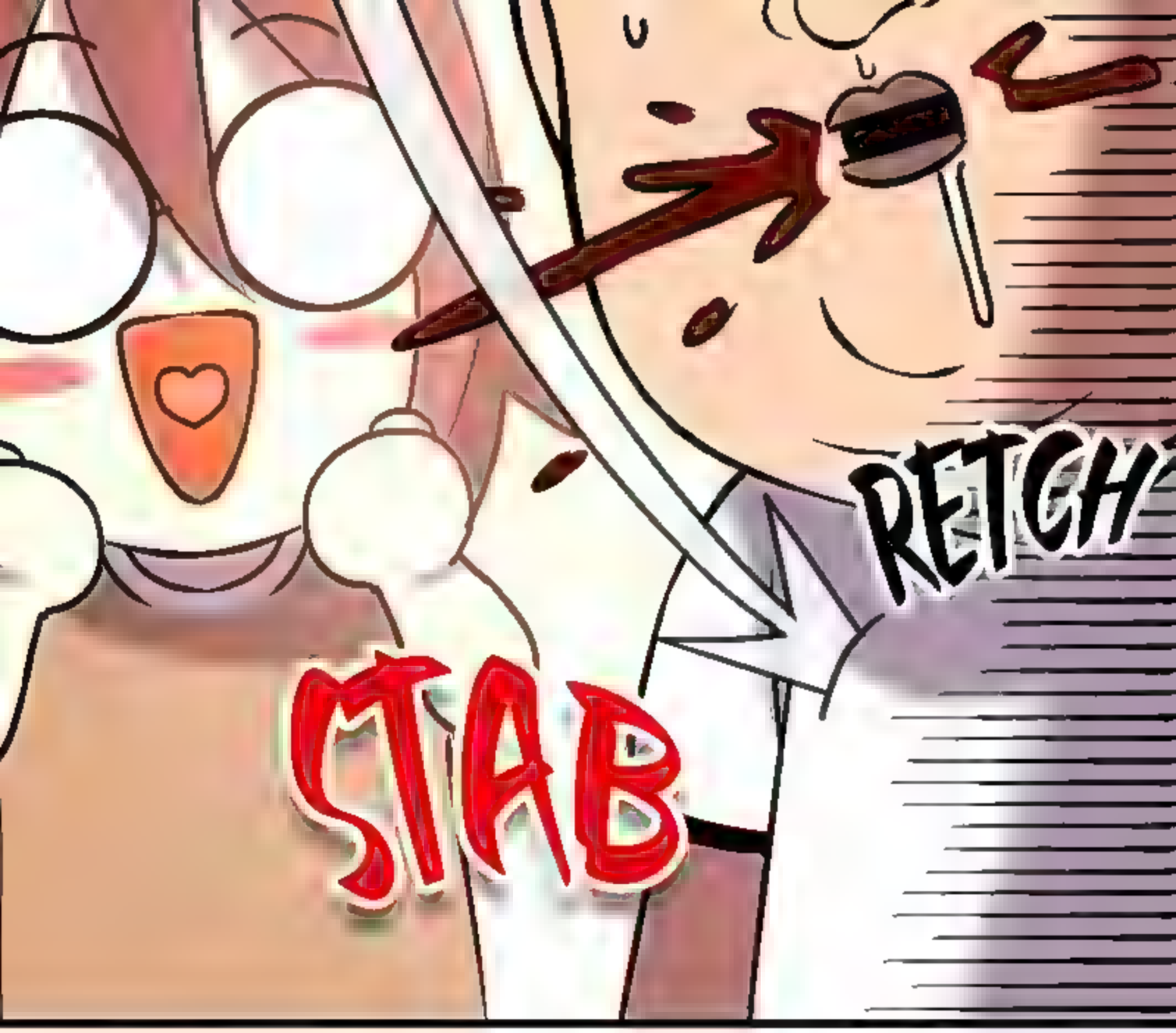
Congrats!
New
Railway

AND IT'S
MADE ME INTO

WHO I AM TODAY!

THAT'S SO INSPIRING, JISEOK!


WHAT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO HAVE IN THE GAME!
WITH THAT ATTITUDE, YOU COULD EVEN ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS IN REAL LIFE!
STAB



P-PLEASE...
ENOUGH...

HEH...

HAHAHAHA
HAHAHA!
HA
HA

HA
HA
HA

WHAT THE...? WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

HAHAHAHA!
I'M SORRY!

IT'S JUST THAT YOU'RE SO SERIOUS ABOUT ANOTHER WORLD.
AND IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY TO SEE AS THE PRODUCER...

ALRIGHT, THEN. I'LL FILL YOU IN ON WHAT I NEEDED TO AND I'LL BE ON MY WAY.

SPRING
HUH?
THERE'S
MORE?

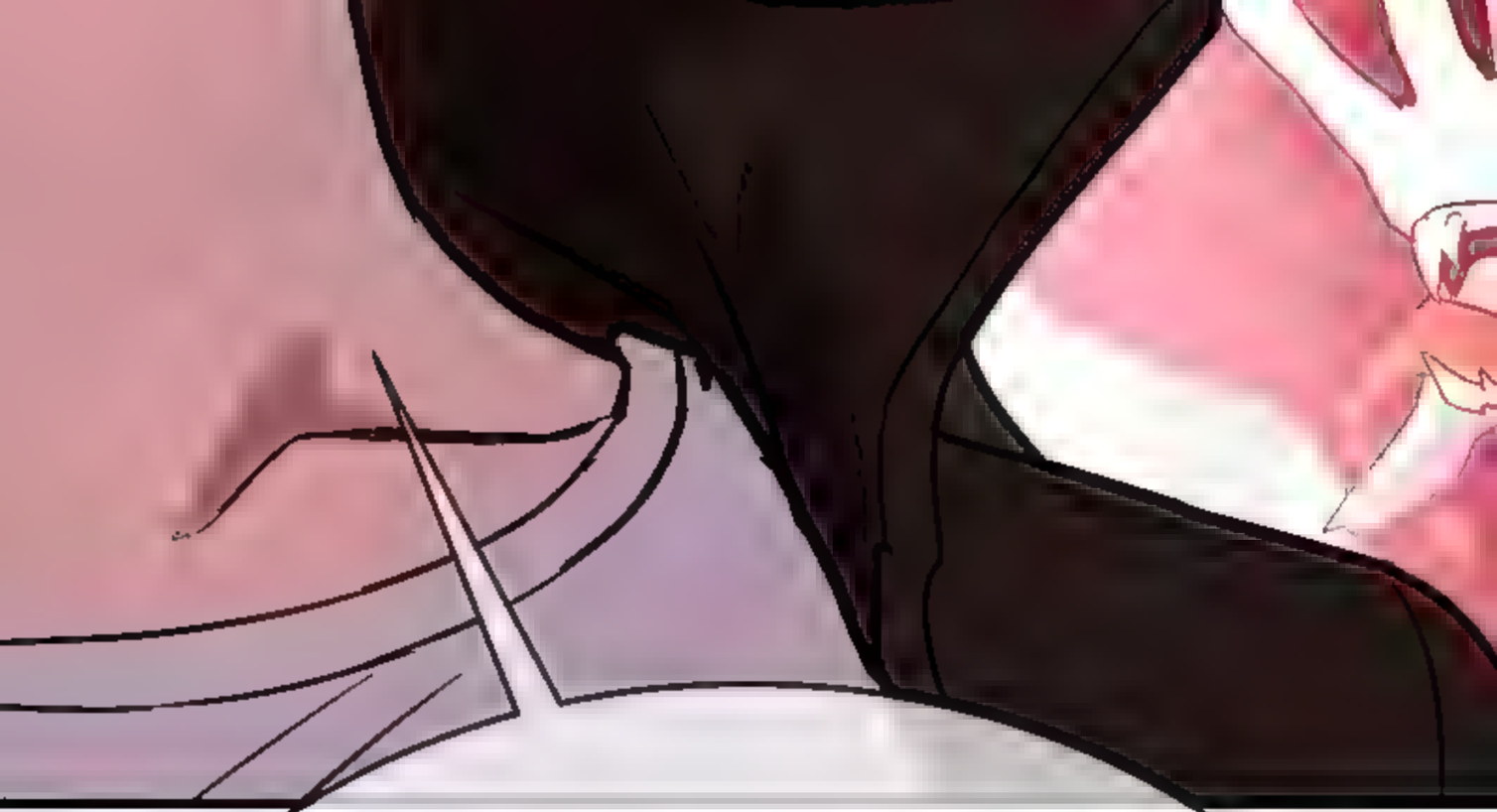
IN A MONTH,
IT'LL BE THE FIRST
ANNIVERSARY SINCE
ANOTHER WORLD
OPENED ITS
SERVERS.

Chrono Life

Another World

TO CELEBRATE,
WE'RE PREPARING
A HUGE UPDATE FOR
THE GAME.

A PART OF
THAT UPDATE
IS THE CREATION OF
A PROMOTION BATTLE
SYSTEM FOR LEVEL
999+ USERS.



YOU'RE GOING TO NEED TO CONTINUE TO RAKE IN THE EXP IF YOU WANT TO BEAT OUT THE COMPETITION.

ASIDE FROM THAT, THERE'LL BE TONS OF OTHER FUN-FILLED EVENTS. I HOPE YOU ENJOY!

AND WHO KNOWS?

MAYBE YOU'LL EVEN BE ABLE TO FIND OUT...

THE MYSTERY BEHIND YOUR SHOVEL.

!!

....

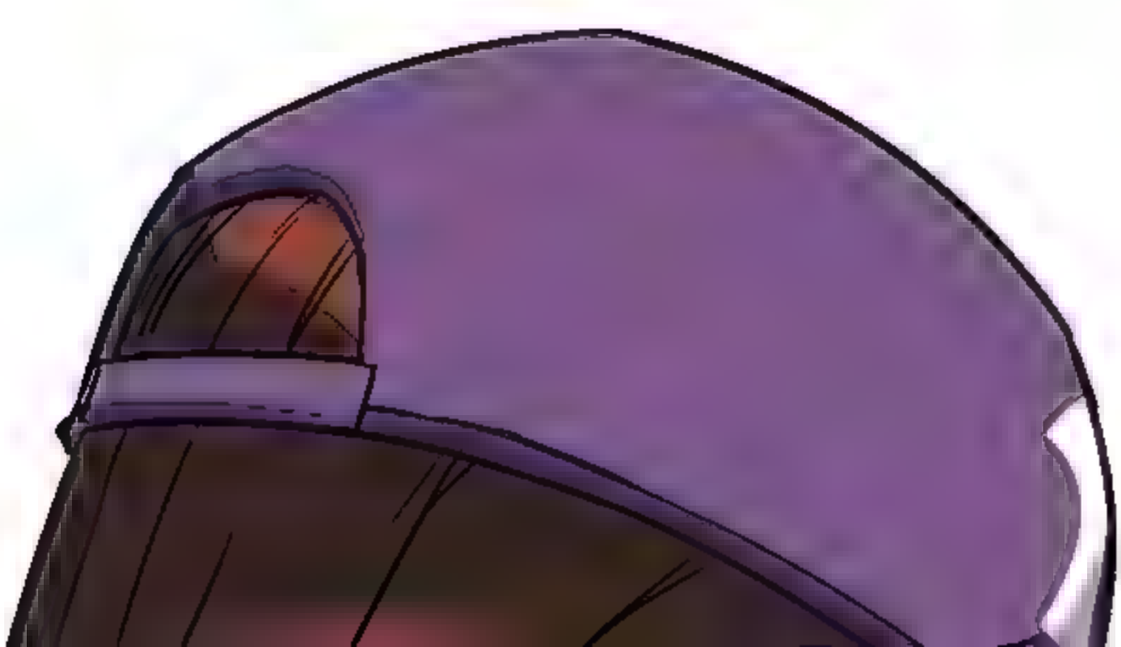
SO YOU *DO* KNOW EVERYTHING!

YOU CAME TO ME JUST TO SAY THAT, DIDN'T YOU?!

I MUCH PREFER

SPEAKING TO YOU
IN-PERSON.

BECAUSE IF
WE WERE TO SPEAK
IN-GAME...



...EVERYONE AT THE COMPANY WOULD KNOW ABOUT IT.

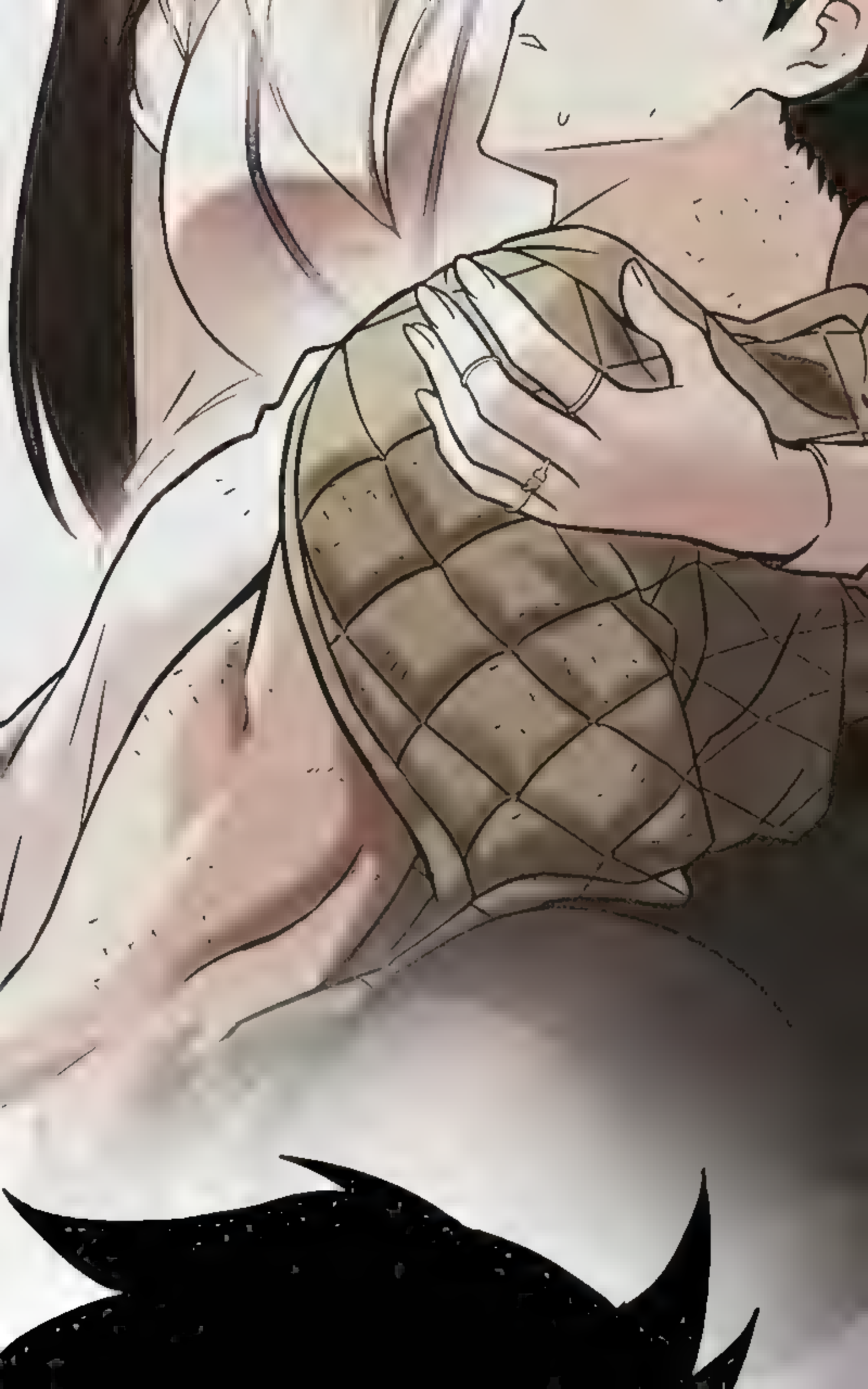
JISEOK...

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED...

THE FIRST DAY WE MET?

DO I
REMEMBER?

HOW COULD I FORGET?!



THAT WAS
THE DAY I FOUND
OUT YOU WERE BEHIND
ALL OF THE CRAP
THAT I WENT
THROUGH!

...THAT'S ALL YOU REMEMBER?
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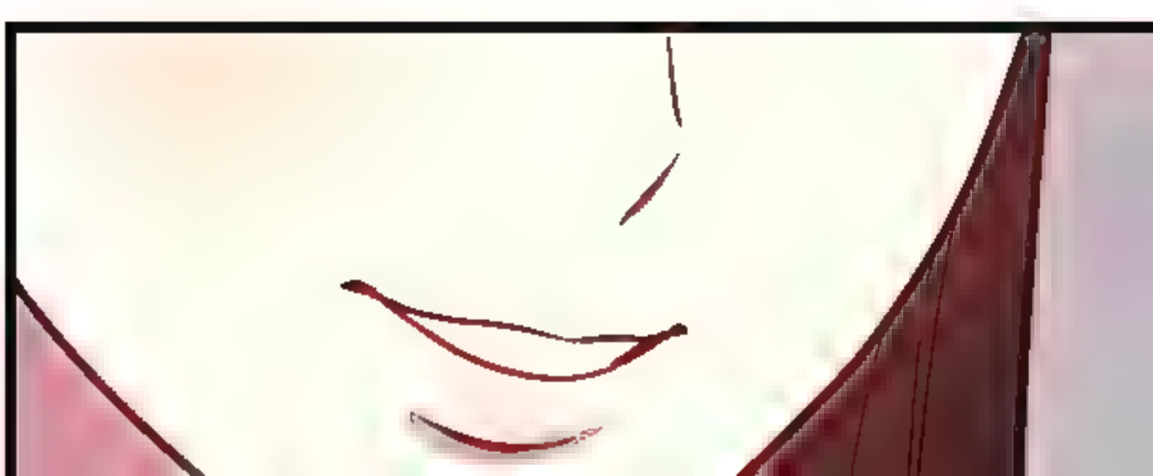


GRIN

AWW.

YOU'RE
TELLING ME
THAT YOU DON'T
REMEMBER...

...THE MOST
IMPORTANT
PART?♡

THWOP

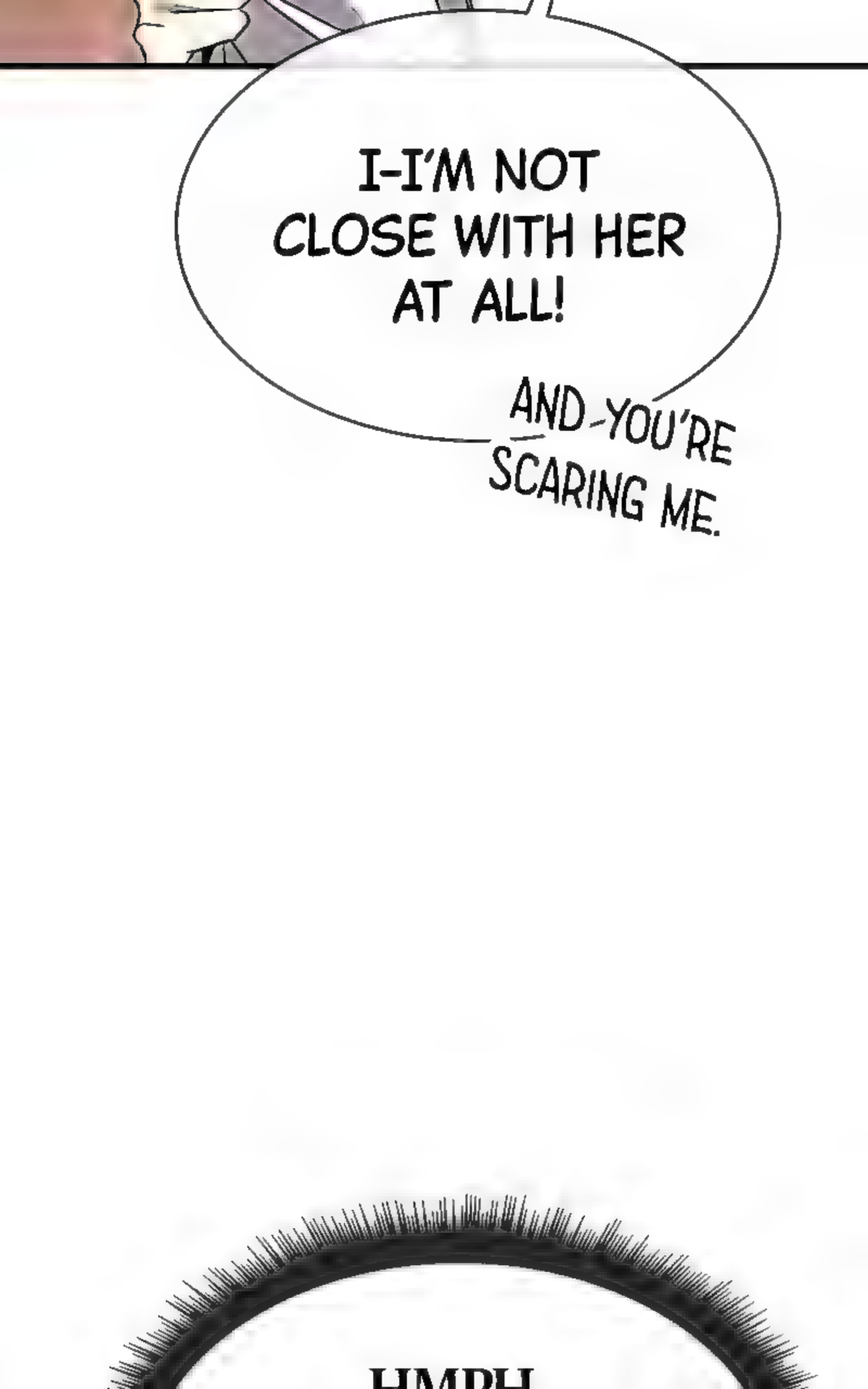
I'LL GET GOING, THEN. MAY YOU CONTINUE ENJOYING ANOTHER WORLD!

JEEZ, SHE JUST SAID WHAT SHE NEEDED TO AND DIPPED.

JISEOK... DON'T GET CLOSE TO HER...

I'M TELLING YOU... SHE'S SUSPICIOUS

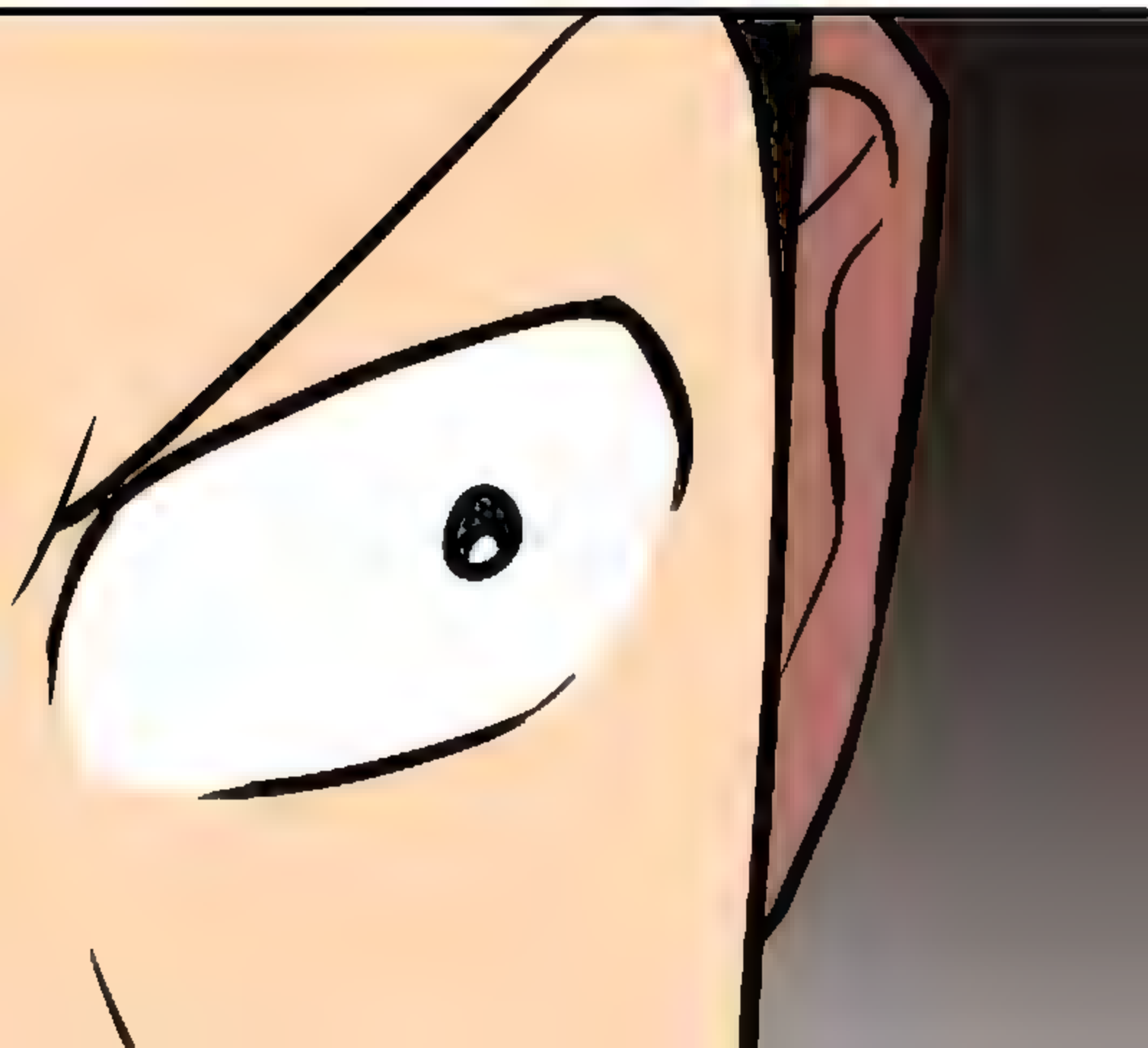
suspicious...
BRRRR


I-I'M NOT CLOSE WITH HER AT ALL!
AND-YOU'RE SCARING ME.
HMPH

HMPH,
SHE SAW RIGHT
THROUGH ME AND
MY PLANS.

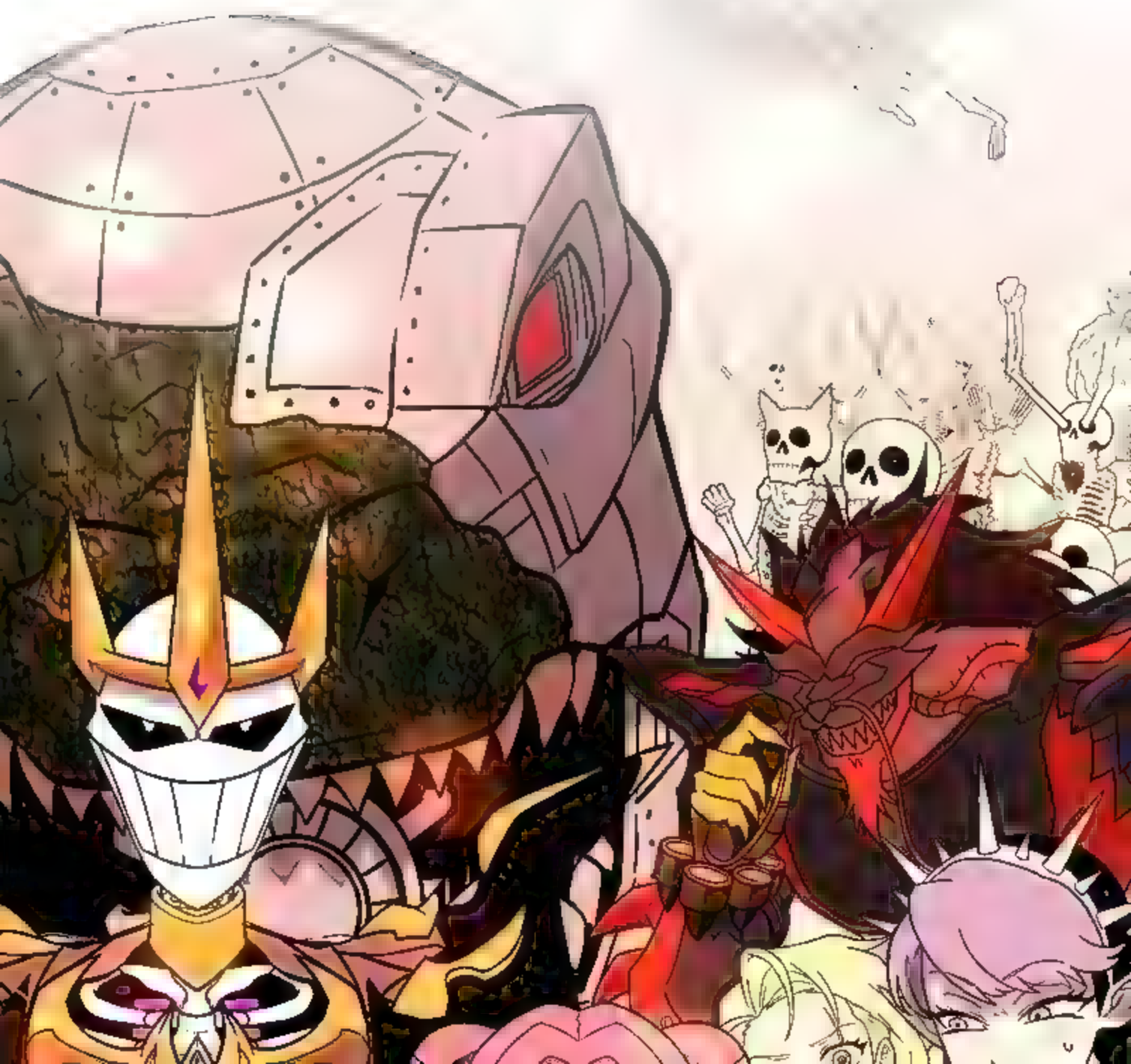
MAYBE
I SHOULD'VE JUST
BEEN HONEST AND
ASKED HER EVERYTHING
I WANTED TO KNOW
ABOUT.

...NO.

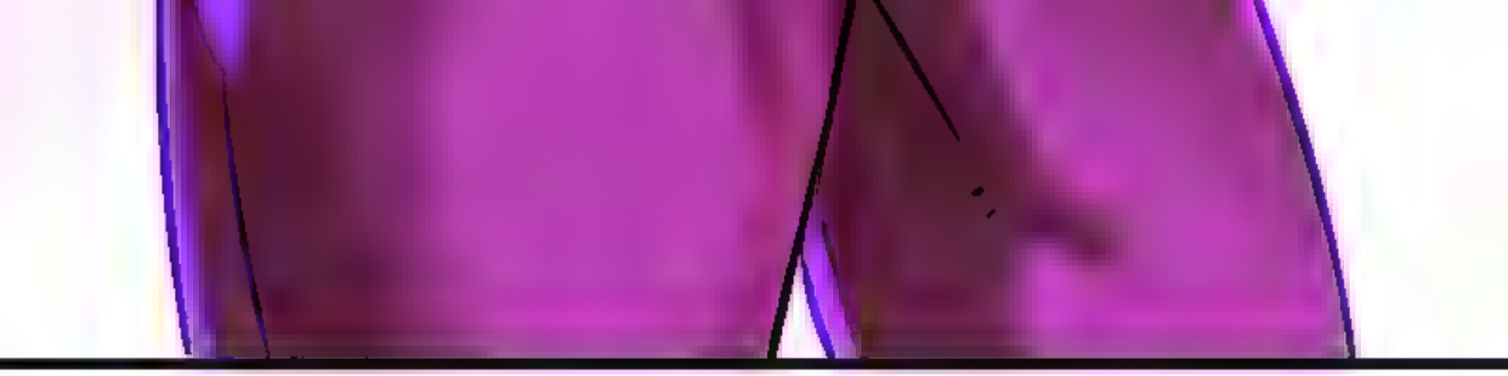


I NEED TO
STAY ALERT.

BECAUSE NOW, I HAVE SO MUCH MORE THAT I NEED TO PROTECT.



IF I LET MY
GUARD DOWN,
I MIGHT END UP LOSING
EVERYTHING AGAIN.



THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT SHE'S HIDING...

SHE MIGHT
EVEN BE MORE
DANGEROUS THAN
THE WOODEN
STICK GUY!

SIGH

GUESS I GOTTA GET READY FOR THESE PROMOTIONS.

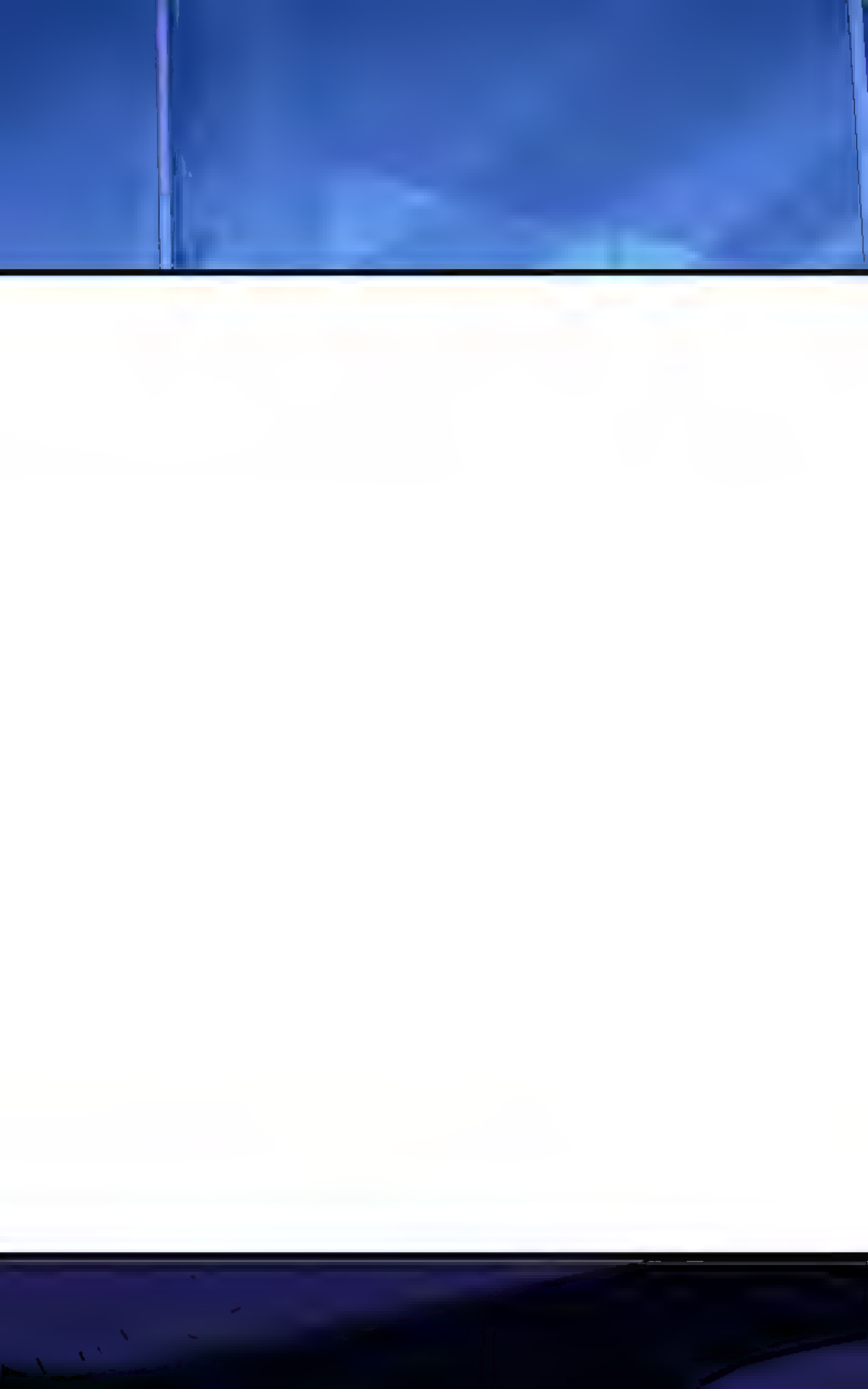
GV

SPLASH
SPLASH

ANOTHER WORLD

CONTINENT OUTSKIRTS

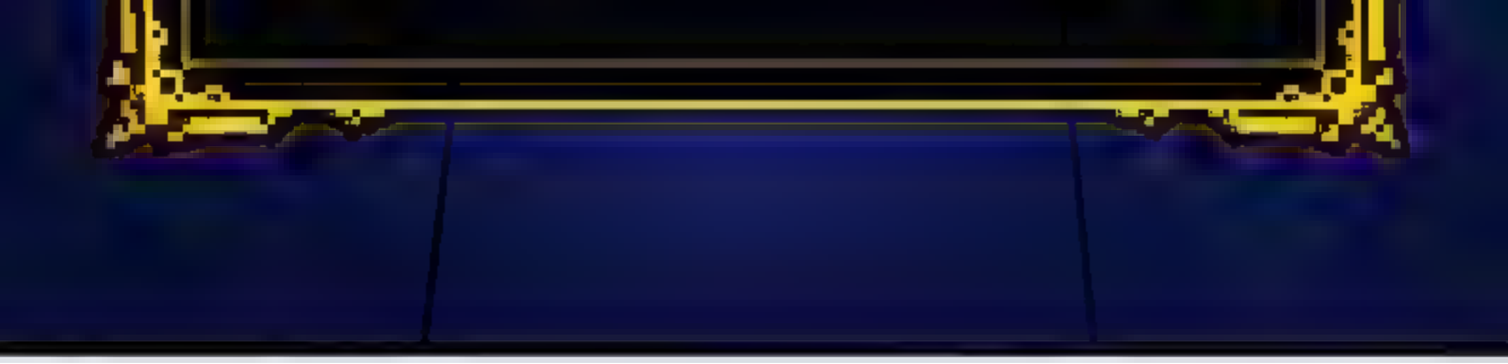
Crimson Coffee



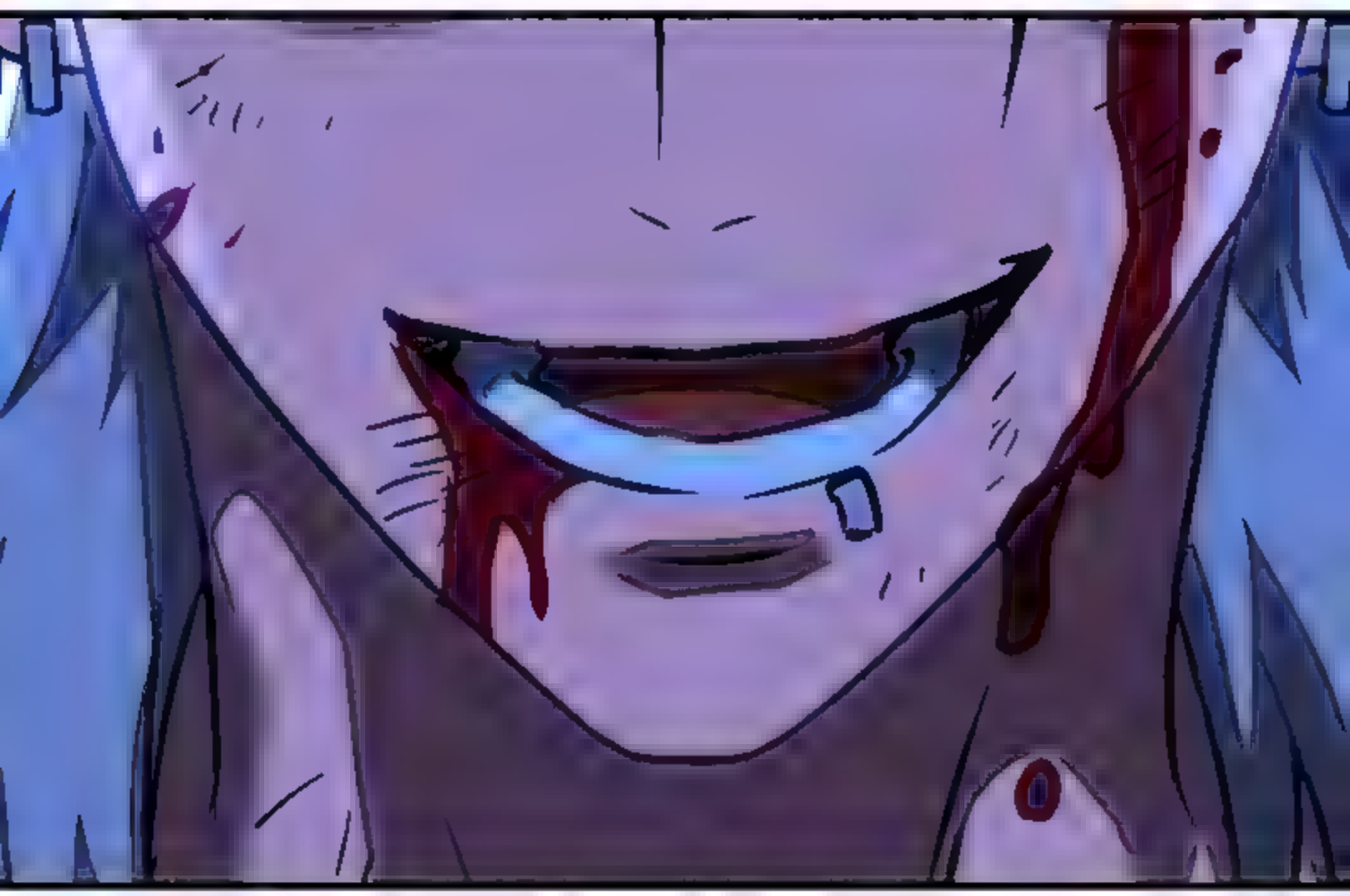
DRIP

DRIP
DA DRIP

LUSSO
BLOODSIPHON
KING
LV. 999+

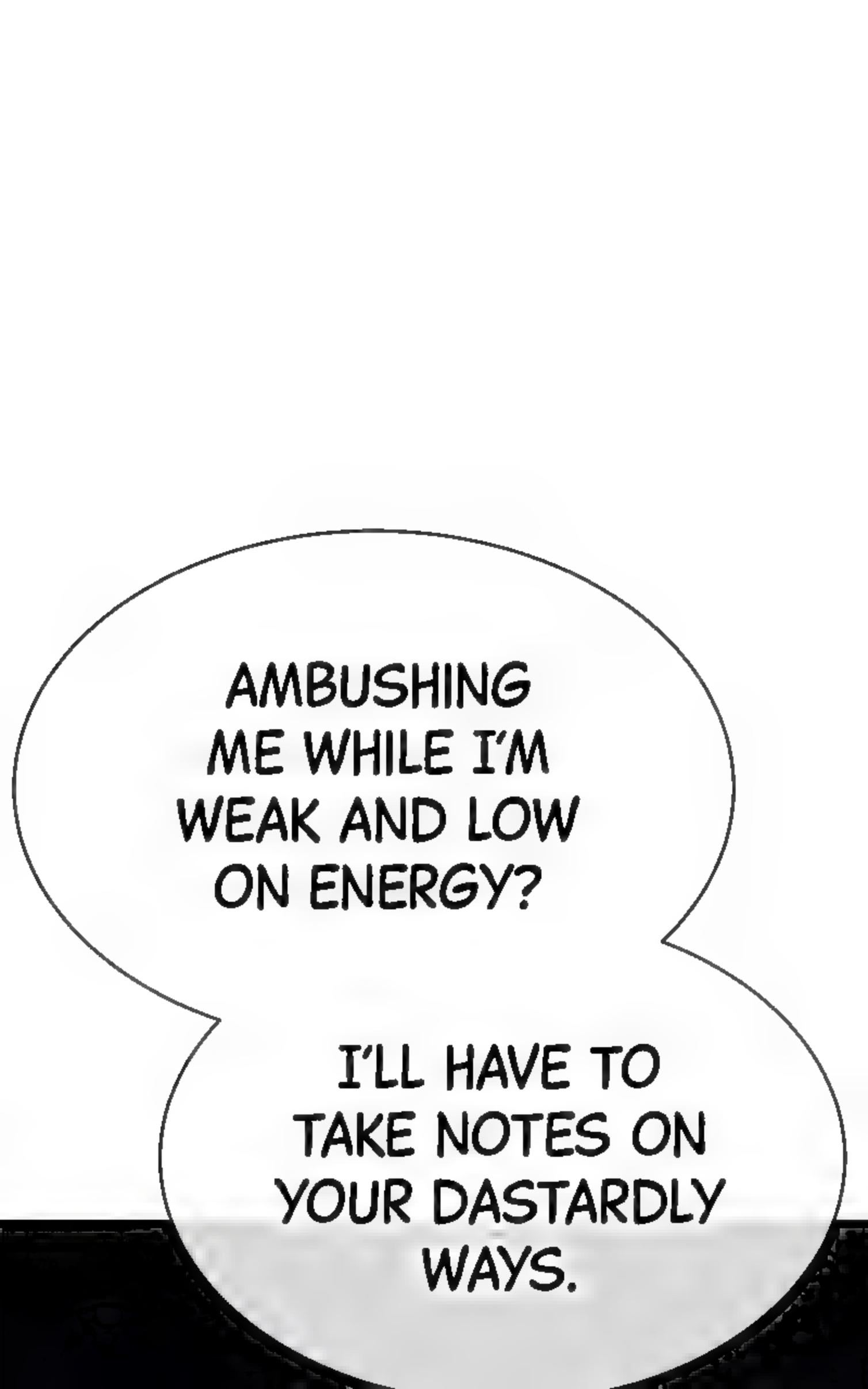


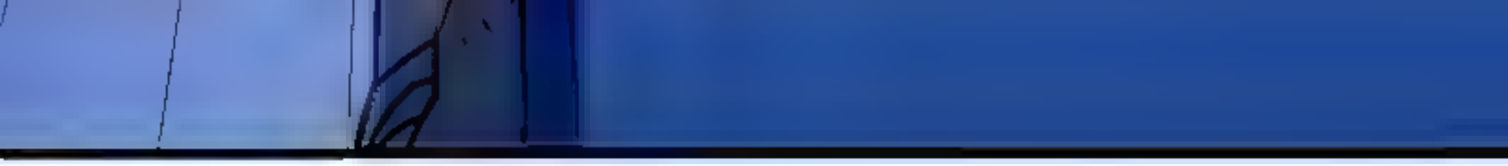
HEHE...
HEHEHEHE!



YOU TWO
ARE SO CREEPY,
I SWEAR...

THE WAY YOU ACT IS WAY TOO HUMAN-LIKE.


AMBUSHING ME WHILE I'M WEAK AND LOW ON ENERGY?
I'LL HAVE TO TAKE NOTES ON YOUR DASTARDLY WAYS.



OH? SO ARE YOU SAYING THAT IF YOU WERE AT YOUR FULL STRENGTH,

YOU WOULD ACTUALLY STAND A CHANCE AGAINST US?

SIP

THE ARROGANCE OF A NEWLY MAX LEVEL USER IS TRULY SOMETHING ELSE...
AT LEAST YOUR COFFEE'S GOOD.

NPC

HEART HEATER

THEATER

DANGER LEVEL: SSS+

IT'S A GOOD THING THAT RIM HAS A LITTLE TALENT THAT LETS HIM SURVIVE BEING TORN TO PIECES.

IF HE WERE AN ORDINARY NPC, HE WOULD'VE BEEN OBLITERATED.

NPC

RIM

DANGER LEVEL: SSS

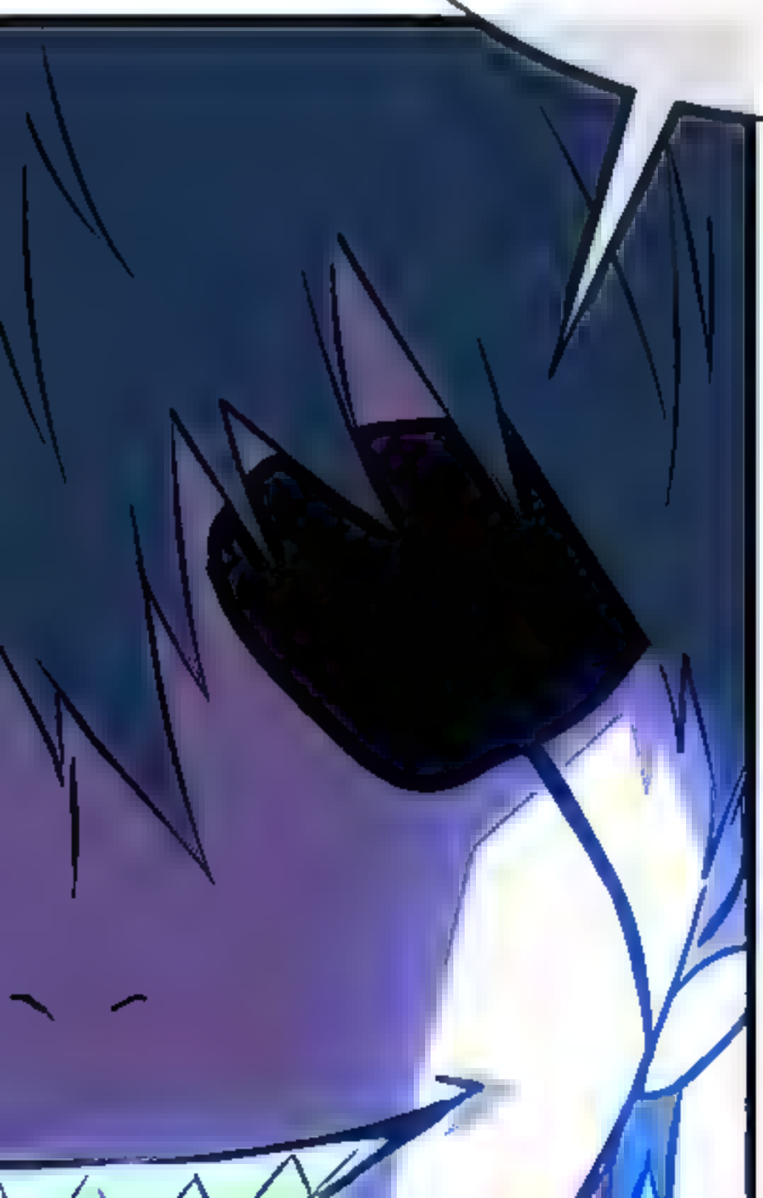
THIS SHOULD WORK.
NOW THEN, SHALL WE EXACT REVENGE?
YES, BOSS.

URGH...
DAMN IT!
MMPH...!
CREAK
CREAK

DON'T BE TOO ROUGH WITH HIM. LET'S LEAVE HIM WITH AT LEAST FIVE FINGERS.

AND JUST KNOW, THERE'S NO POINT IN TRYING TO RUN AWAY BY LOGGING OUT.

WE'LL BE WAITING HERE AS LONG AS IT TAKES. WE WILL GET WHAT WE NEED.



MMPH...
WHAT KIND OF NPC
ARE YOU?!

I WILL GET MY REVENGE!
I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET THIS! JUST YOU WAIT!

HAHAHA...
HAHAHAHAHA!

HELLFIRE.

KA-BOOM

BRRR

M-MY CAFE!

HUH? I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE INSIDE.

OH, WELL. WHATEVER!

HEART HEATER! DON'T KILL THE GUY YET!
I'VE GOT SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS WITH HIM!

HARDCORE
LEVELING
WARRIOR
GAMBLER
LV. 999+
HP
MP

ABSOLUTELY NOT.

HOW DARE YOU TRY TO GIVE ME ORDERS...?

HEHEHE, NOT MY ORDERS.

STEP

STEP
BOSS!

THE DEVELOPERS ARE SENDING OUT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO THE LEVEL 999+ USERS.

FOR THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY UPDATE, THEY'RE GOING TO IMPLEMENT A PROMOTION BATTLE SYSTEM FOR THE MAX LEVEL USERS.

BLOODSIPHON KING, LUSSO...

AS A USER, YOU MUST'VE RECEIVED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT TOO.

I WANT
TO REACH MAX
LEVEL TOO.

SO HOW ABOUT YOU GIVE ME YOUR SUPREME BADGE?

HEH, WHO'S

THIS KID?

THAT'S A REAL POLITE WAY OF SAYING THAT YOU WANT TO KILL ME.

DO YOU REALLY THINK KILLING ME IS ENOUGH TO GET YOU TO MAX LEVEL...?

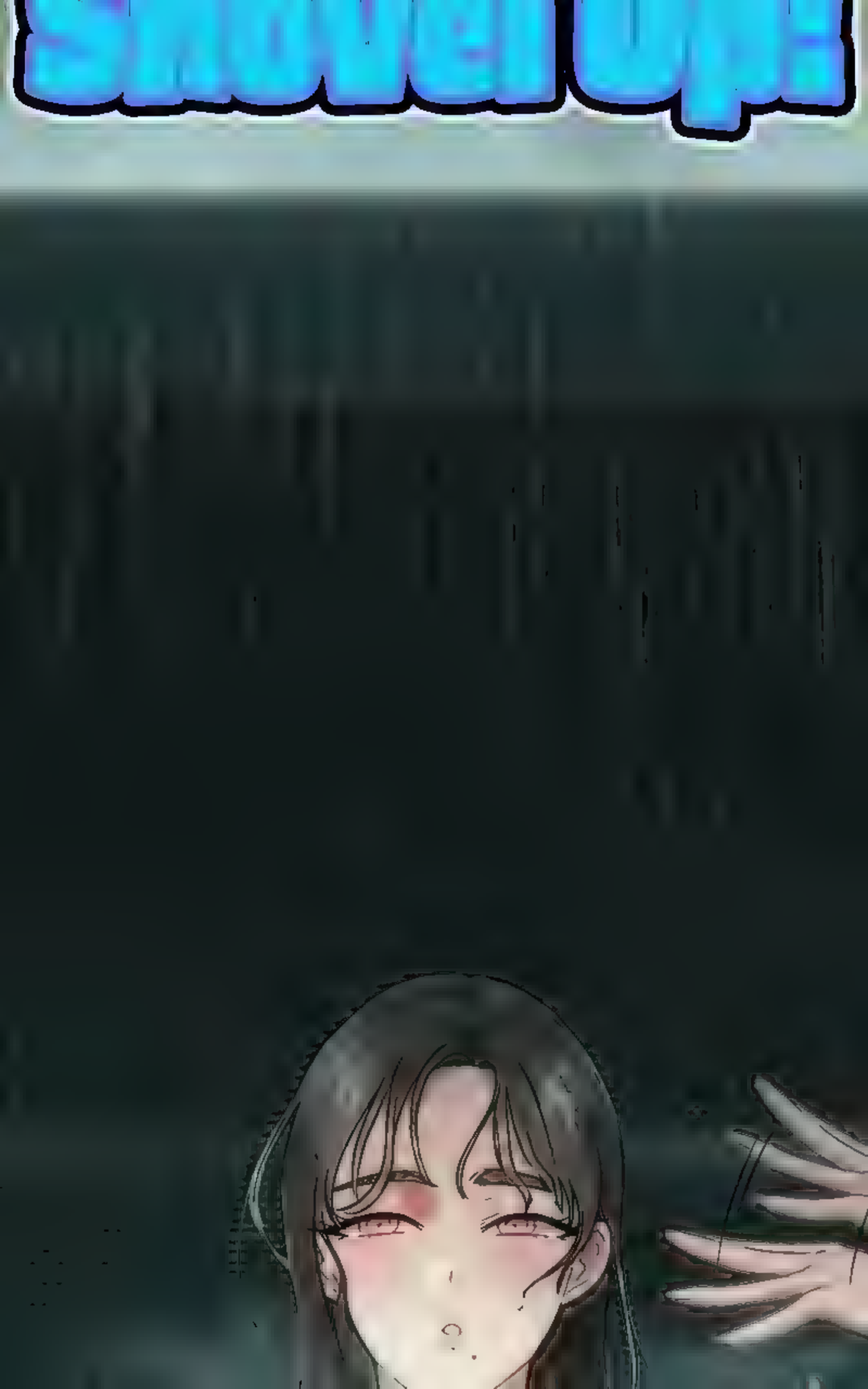
YOU'RE NOT
OUR ONLY TARGET
HERE.

STARTING WITH YOU,
WE'RE GOING TO DEFEAT ALL OF THE SIX SUPREMES.

PROMOTION BATTLES ARE COMING SOON. WE ALL NEED TO SOAK UP LOTS AND LOTS OF EXP, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

THE COMPETITION HAS ALREADY BEGUN!

DARK
BLACK MAGE
LV. 900
HP
MP


Swell up!

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